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Plus a full report on the 1983 ORANGE BOWL:

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TOM OSBORNE'S RECORD LOG LIFETIME AND NEBRASKA

LIFETIME AND NEED						
Games	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	Pts.	Opp.
122	96	24	2	78.6%	3,949	1563
1979 (10-2-0)						
7 Iowa	10 A	55 Utah	9 H	35 Utah State	14 H	
34 Florida State	14 H	57 Iowa	0 H	24 Iowa	21 A	
24 Penn State	30 H	21 Penn State	7 A	42 Penn State	17 H	
17 Auburn	3 H	14 Florida State	17 H	57 New Mexico State	0 H	
59 Colorado	0 H	54 Kansas	0 A	42 Kansas	0 H	
49 Kansas State	3 A	48 Oklahoma State	7 H	36 Oklahoma State	10 H	
6 Missouri	0 A	45 Colorado	7 A	38 Colorado	20 A	
31 Kansas	15 H	38 Missouri	16 H	23 Missouri	12 A	
54 Oklahoma State	7 A	55 Kansas State	8 H	21 Kansas State	3 H	
31 Iowa State	7 H	35 Iowa State	0 A	34 Iowa State	17 A	
37 Oklahoma	14 A	17 Oklahoma	21 H	14 Oklahoma		
COTTON BOWL						
15 Clemson	22	31 Mississippi St.	17	14 Houston	17	
ORANGE BOWL						
1978 (9-3-0)						
3 Alabama	20 A	10 Washington State	19 H	6 LSU	6 A	
36 Cal-Berkeley	26 H	31 Alabama	24 H	45 Indiana	13 A	
56 Hawaii	10 H	31 Baylor	10 H	64 TCU	10 H	
69 Indiana	17 A	31 Indiana	13 H	17 Miami	9 H	
23 Iowa State	0 A	26 Kansas State	9 A	24 Colorado	12 A	
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52 Colorado	14 A	33 Colorado	15 H	24 Missouri	34 H	
22 Oklahoma State	14 H	31 Oklahoma State	14 A	31 Kansas	3 A	
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17 Miami	9 H					
24 Colorado	12 A					
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31 Kansas	3 A					
14 Oklahoma State	10 H					
28 Iowa State	37 A					
17 Oklahoma	20 H					
68 Hawaii	3 A					
ASTRO BLUEBONNET BOWL						
24 Oklahoma	31	21 North Carolina	17	27 Texas Tech	24	
LIBERTY BOWL						
1975 (10-2)						
10 LSU	7 H	61 Oregon	7 H	40 UCLA	13 H	
45 Indiana	0 H	20 Wisconsin	21 A	31 No. Carolina St.	14 H	
56 TCU	14 H	49 Northwestern	7 H	20 Wisconsin	16 H	
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A genteel winner

By STEVE BEIDECK

He has been described as a dull and oft-times bland individual. He has even been called by one writer a white rat trapped in a maze.

But the people who describe Tom Osborne this way have never sat down and talked with the man who will end his 10th year as the head coach of the Nebraska Cornhuskers football team against Louisiana State in the Jan. 1 Orange Bowl in Miami.

If you think that being a quiet individual who doesn't like to pop off in the heat of the moment is dull, that's your privilege.

If you think that being a coach whose only dislike about the job he has is that he doesn't get to spend enough time with his family is oft-times bland, it's a free country.

If you think he is a white rat trapped in a maze because some people measure the success of a football coach on how well his team does in one game each season, nobody is going to stop you.

But if you think any of the three descriptions used in the first paragraph are accurate, you are wrong.

Tom Osborne is not dull, oft-times bland or a white rat trapped in a maze.

He simply is the third-winningest active coach in college football today. And if people don't like the quiet, unassuming way he goes about his job, it doesn't bother him.

"You can never describe people with one adjective," Osborne said. "But it's convenient for editorial purposes, especially for people who don't know you — who have never met you personally."

"I've tried not to be a 'colorful' individual, as others define colorful."

Barry Switzer, Lou Holtz, Hayden Fry and Bobby Bowden have been described as colorful coaches. They are all good coaches whose personalities are more public than others.

OSBORNE fits into the others category. He prefers to keep everything he says in perspective and not go overboard with praise for his players.

"A colorful person seems to be one who will occasionally make an inflammatory statement like 'He's the greatest player to come down the pipe,'" Osborne said. "Usually when I'm talking to reporters, I try to keep in mind how the players will view my statements."

"My statements are edited in a way to give us the best chance of winning. Sometimes the players are the ones who have to take the heat for a statement the coach made."

The philosophy seems to have worked. Going into the New Year's night game with LSU, Osborne had a career record of 95-24-2, a .785 winning percentage. If the Huskers defeat the Bayou Bengals, Osborne could win his 100th game against Syracuse Oct. 1, 1983 in Lincoln.

His longest winning streak is 11 games.

In his 10 years as head coach, Osborne said this may be his best overall team.

"It definitely is the best offensive team," Osborne said. "The whole team is the best in terms of cohesiveness. Even though we've lost one game, we haven't really played a bad game."

"I think there may have been some defensive teams with more experience and more innate talent, but these kids are getting the job done."

NEBRASKA WON its second consecutive Big Eight title with the 28-24 win over Oklahoma Nov. 26 in Lincoln. But Osborne said that may not have been his team's biggest win.

"Our win over Auburn may have been as impressive as any," Osborne said. "We were the only team to beat them badly (41-7). Georgia beat them by five and Florida State beat them by two on kind of a lucky ending."

"But they beat everybody else. I think it was big also because we were just coming off of the loss at Penn State, and it was tough to play in their place. (Auburn on The Plain)."

The Cornhuskers also played 12 regular season games for the second time in Osborne's career. The 37-16 win over Hawaii in Honolulu upped Nebraska's record to 11-1 and helped them in preparation for the Orange Bowl.

"The situation in Miami is similar to Honolulu," Osborne said. "It will be a night game in warm weather, there will be a very noisy crowd and there will be a lot of dis-

tractions. The Hawaii game might have helped us focus our energies on the game."

With Osborne assured of his winningest season, what benefits can come from playing LSU in the Orange Bowl?

"It certainly would be a fitting climax to what has already been a good season, Osborne said. "We would finish with our highest national ranking since 1971 if we won, and I think everybody would like to end the season on a positive note."

OSBORNE HASN'T received only negative labels. He also has received complimentary ones. One of those is offensive genius. This is something Osborne would rather not be called.

"I don't believe genius is appropriate," Osborne said. "You just have to work hard and have good players. If the players can't execute, then the offense doesn't work."

This label was placed on Osborne because most of his football life after college has been with offenses. He was a wingback in the NFL for two years before joining Bob Devaney at Nebraska in 1962 as an assistant.

He helped build one of the most potent offenses in the country, including those of the 1970 and 1971 national championship teams.

This season, Osborne decided to go with a different offense than the traditional I-formation part of the time. It is called the weak set, a formation that positions the I-back next to the fullback on the opposite side of the tight end.

"We used it between 15-20 percent of the time," Osborne said. "It gets the I-back out in the pass pattern more quickly and it gives us the opportunity to use Irving Fryar (starting wingback) as a running back."

Losing isn't any fun, but it's something everyone has to experience. Osborne said that there have been a few defeats in his career that have been especially bitter.

"Every defeat is difficult, but I suppose some of the losses to Oklahoma were because we lost the Big Eight championship by losing that game," Osborne said. "Losing to Missouri in 1978 after beating Oklahoma also was disappointing, because we tied with Oklahoma for the championship."

But Osborne has never been one to dwell on just negative things. He also has experienced some victories that were especially sweet.

"The wins over Oklahoma in 1978, -81 and '82, Alabama in 1977, and Penn State in 1979," Osborne said. "A lot of those wins have been important to us."

FAN SUPPORT for Nebraska football has been at a peak level since 1962. Thousands of people support Big Red in their own special way.

Sometimes that support can go too far. Fans begin to expect Big Eight championships every year. Many won't settle for anything less.

This attitude puts a lot of pressure on Osborne. If something goes wrong, Osborne is the scapegoat for those few radical fans; and he realizes it.

"I think the way things are in college football today, to expect a team to not lose more than once or twice is wrong," Osborne said. "Some fans are really irrational and feel that one loss is too many and others don't see it that way."

"But just like coaches, fans can't be labeled. A few that are very radical and vocal sometimes make more noise than the numbers would indicate."

Osborne has no immediate plans to leave coaching, but even though he is one of the winningest in the country, he still takes things one year at a time.

"In 1976 we were picked to be number one and ended one 9-3-1," Osborne said. "That season was greeted with a great deal of hostility, but that's just part of coaching. I realize if we ever had a losing season even after a national championship that I could be gone."

"Losing one or two games or going .500 could also get you fired at some places. You've got to prove yourself every year."

Don Fambrough is a good example of what Osborne is fearful of. In 1981 he was named the Big Eight's Coach of the Year after leading the Jayhawks to an 8-4 record. But after the Jayhawks only won two games in 1982, Fambrough was fired.

When Osborne took over the head coaching position from Bob Devaney in 1973, he was under immediate pressure to be as successful as Devaney. He has done just that except for winning a national championship.



Tom Osborne . . . he was a walk-on addition to Devaney's staff.

In each of his 10 years, Osborne has taken his team to a bowl game. Two of Devaney's teams did not attend bowl games.

In 11 years at Nebraska, Devaney's record was 101-20-2. Osborne needs seven more wins to top that mark of Devaney's before the end of the 1983 season.

WHILE HE SEEMS to have shed Devaney's shadow with his own success, Osborne is still compared to Devaney.

It's difficult to compare two coaches because each person is different from the next. Osborne and Devaney are no exception.

"He (Devaney) had established a standard here that everything else would be compared with," Osborne said. "Had I followed Bill Jennings, six wins would have been good. Even though we went 9-2-1 the first year, to some it still wasn't good enough even though Bob went 9-2-1 his last year."

"Of course, we're two different type of people. But our transition was rather rare. Usually when a successful coach steps down to athletic director, he tries to make life miserable for his successor, partly because of jealousy. But he (Devaney) has done everything he possibly could to make things easier."

The lack of time that Osborne is able to spend with his family, wife Nancy, son Mike and daughters Ann and Susie, is the only thing about coaching that bothers Osborne.

"That's probably the most negative thing about coaching — the time spent away from your family," Osborne said. "Especially during recruiting season, because you're gone for almost all of January

and most of February.

"During the season I'm home most evenings except Sunday and Monday when I'm here until 10 and Friday I'm with the players. But when I am home, a lot of times I am watching films until 9 or 10."

Osborne attempts to make up for this lost time by spending most of the spring and summer with his family. He said he tries to limit his speaking engagements during this period to once or twice a week.

BUT NOT EVERYTHING about being a combination coach-husband-father is negative.

"The children have been to a lot of bowls and they all are very much involved in football, Osborne said. "If they hated football, there would be a few problems. Nancy has only missed the '69 Sun bowl because Ann was born a couple of days before the game, and the kids have made all of them since they were about three."

The busy life of a major college football coach leaves little time for play, but what little time he does have, Osborne makes the most of it.

"I've got a little farm up north of here where I go and poke around for awhile," Osborne said. "I probably fish more than I should, about six or seven times a summer at one or two days a crack. The rest of the family likes to water ski, so they do that while I fish."

"We skied during spring break last year, and we found that it was a lot of fun, so we hope to be able to do it again this year."

A pleasant combination of dedication to work and to his family makes Osborne an excellent role model for the people he comes into contact with and the players he coaches.

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Other Side of Tom Osborne

The following article was submitted on behalf of the Cluster IV Schools in Omaha.

Coach Tom Osborne is asked many questions about football but how many times is he asked about Tom Osborne, the man? On March 13, the students at Omaha Public Schools Cluster IV Elementary Schools had an opportunity to ask some questions of Tom Osborne, the man, and his answers constitute an image of the "man" different from the one created through media coverage of the athletic events associated with the "coach."

The occasion was Tom Osborne Day, an event celebrated by Cluster IV schools: Belle Ryan, Dundee, Harrison, Jackson, Kennedy, Monmouth Park, Saunders, Washington and Western Hills. At each school, an assembly was held to welcome Dr. Osborne.

The children and staff were expecting to meet the public image — instead they found in the man a blend of compassion and magnetism that was readily apparent to even the smallest child — an individual as genuinely interested in meeting them as they were in seeing him.

In his talks with the children, Osborne spoke on most aspects of their lives: academic excellence and achievement, self-image, peer and parent relationships, nutrition, physical fitness and good sportsmanship.

The response was enthusiastic — the bond between speaker and audience was immediate. Osborne received hundreds of letters, poems, pictures, and banners carefully prepared in anticipation of his visit, which was, for all of them, the culmination of a week of related activities. In

return for these, Osborne left for each child something of himself, his philosophy and his idealism.

His presence, the donation of a whole day, conveyed in a meaningful way his concern for quality education and his interest in the success of desegregation in Omaha.

In the evening, Osborne appeared before a combined Cluster IV PTA meeting at Lewis and Clark Junior High. This talk emphasized the need for increased communication between parents and children, stressing the idea that parents need to listen to what their children are really saying.

He suggested that parents take the initiative in discussing the children's school activities and experiences. A child's motivation, he said, depends on that child's development of a positive self-image. Parents need to foster this, and also provide role models that reflect integrity and morality after whom children may pattern themselves in developing their own character.

Osborne came to Omaha to speak to the children as an adult friend, and to the parents as a fellow parent, to the faculty members as a peer cohort. Because he was willing to share himself, Cluster IV was afforded a glimpse of the man inside the scarlet windbreaker that is a familiar sight on the football field.

This "other side" of Coach Tom Osborne is also worthy of attention, respect, and applause.

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3 PAT LARSEN
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4 JEFF JOHNSON
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5 RICKY GREENE
CB 5-10 180



6 TODD FISHER
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7 RICKY SIMMONS
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8 NATE MASON
QB 6-1 195



9 MARK HAGERMAN
K 5-11 180



10 BRET CLARK
S 6-3 196



11 NEIL HARRIS
CB 6-0 190



12 TURNER GILL
QB 6-1 183



13 KEVIN BIGGERS
CB 6-0 185



14 TRAVIS TURNER
QB 6-4 200



15 CRAIG SUNDBERG
QB 6-2 200



16 JIM MURPHY
CB 6-0 186



17 SHANE SWANSON
WB 5-11 195



18 ALLEN LYDAY
CB 5-11 185



19 BRUCE MATHISON
QB 6-4 201



21 ROGER CRAIG
LB 6-2 220



22 TOM VERGITH
SE 6-1 180



23 TIM HOLBROOK
M 5-10 190



24 GRANT CAMPBELL
P 6-2 195



25 MARK SCHELLEN
FB 5-10 230



26 TOM RATHMAN
FB 6-0 230



27 IRVING FRYAR
WB 6-0 190



28 JEFF SMITH
LB 5-11 193



29 TODD BROWN
SE 6-0 173



30 MIKE ROZIER
LB 5-11 210



32 TIM BRUNGARDT
LB 6-0 205



33 DAVE BURKE
CB 6-0 200



34 DOUG WILKENING
FB 6-3 218



35 STEVE DAMKROGER
LB 6-1 230



36 SCOTT PORTER
FB 6-2 215



37 CALVIN HAYWOOD
M 6-1 190



38 KRIS VAN NORMAN
MON 6-0 195



39 JIM THOMPSON
WB 5-10 189



40 MARK MORAVEC
FB 6-2 208



41 PAT BORER
FB 6-0 195



42 SCOTT SCHOETTGER
SE 5-8 150



43 DAN RIPA
LB 6-0 214



44 MIKE KNOX
LB 6-3 230



45 STEVE McWHIRTER
LB 6-2 235



46 TONY FELICI
DE 6-2 205



47 DAN WINGARD
K-SE 6-2 205



48 BRENT EVANS
LB 6-2 225



49 KEVIN SEIBEL
K 6-1 250



50 DAVE RIMINGTON
OC 6-3 290



51 MARK DAUM
LB 6-4 230



52 KEN GRAEBER
MB 6-2 238



53 ANTHONY THOMAS
OG 6-3 285



54 BRAD MUEHLING
C 6-1 212



55 BRAD JOHNSON
C 6-4 263



56 DAN WEED
C 6-2 200



57 MARK TRAYNOWICZ
OT 6-6 265



58 HARRY GRIMMINGER
OG 6-4 271



61 MIKE KEELER
DT 6-5 242

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62 JOHN REINHARDT
MG 6-1 235



63 DOUG HERRMANN
DT 6-5 270



64 MIKE TRANMER
MG 6-0 225



65 RANDY THEISS
OT 6-3 256



66 JOHN SHERLOCK
OT 6-3 260



67 GREG ORTON
OG 6-2 250



68 MIKE MANDELKO
OG 6-2 255



69 KURT GLATHAR
OG 6-2 260



70 JEFF KWAPICK
OT 6-3 254



71 DEAN STEINKUHLER
OG 6-4 257



72 SCOTT RARIDON
OT 6-4 266



73 MARK BEHNING
OT 6-7 280



74 JEFF MERRELL
MG 6-4 258



75 ROB STUCKEY
DT 6-3 250



77 TOM MORROW
OT 6-4 250



78 MIKE ZIERKE
DT 6-4 245



80 JAMIE WILLIAMS
TE 6-5 230



82 ERIC BUCHANAN
DE 6-2 202



83 MONTE ENGBRITSON
TE 6-3 215



84 DAN HILL
TE 6-4 225



85 WADE PRAEUNER
DE 6-0 210



86 DAVID RIDDER
DE 6-3 215



87 BILL WEBER
DE 6-2 210



88 SCOTT KIMBALL
SE 6-0 190

Nebraska Alphabetical Roster

No.	Player	Pos.	Ht.	Wt.	Birthdate	Class	Hometown/High School
73	*Behning, Mark	OT	6-7	280	9/26/61	Soph.	Denton, Texas/DHS
13	Biggers, Kevin	CB	6-0	185	5/6/62	Jr.	Los Angeles, Calif./Serra
92	Bourn, Don	TE	6-3	200	6/7/62	Soph.	Ponca, Neb./PHS
29	*Brown, Todd	SE	6-0	173	7/16/60	Sr.	Holdrege, Neb./HHS
32	*Brungardt, Tim	IB	6-0	205	9/8/61	Jr.	Norfolk, Neb./Catholic
82	*Buchanan, Eric	DE	6-2	202	12/15/62	Soph.	Overland Park, Kan./Shawnee Mission South
33	*Burke, Dave	CB	6-0	200	11/23/61	Soph.	Layton, Utah/LHS
24	*Campbell, Grant	P	6-2	195	2/17/59	Sr.	Southfield, Mich./Half Moon Bay
10	*Clark, Bret	S	6-3	196	2/24/61	Soph.	Nebraska City, Neb./NCHS
21	*Craig, Roger	IB	6-2	220	7/10/60	Sr.	Davenport, Iowa/Central
35	*Damkroger, Steve	LB	6-1	230	1/25/60	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb./Northeast
51	*Daum, Mark	LB	6-4	230	2/26/62	Soph.	Dix, Neb./DHS
6	DuBose, Doug	IB	5-11	185	3/14/64	Fr.	Uncasville, Conn./Montville
83	*Engbritson, Monte	TE	6-2	215	9/18/60	Jr.	Hastings, Neb./HHS
48	*Evans, Brent	LB	6-2	225	1/30/60	Sr.	Chesterfield, Mo./Hazelwood West
46	*Felici, Tony	DE	6-2	205	1/3/60	Sr.	Omaha, Neb./Central
27	*Fryar, Irving	WB	6-0	190	9/28/62	Jr.	Mount Holly, N.J./Rancocas Valley
93	*Gdowski, Tom	DT	6-3	255	8/12/60	Sr.	Fullerton, Neb./FHS
12	*Gill, Turner	QB	6-1	183	8/13/62	Jr.	Fort Worth, Texas/Arlington Heights
69	*Glathar, Kurt	OG	6-2	260	10/19/59	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb./LHS
52	*Graeber, Ken	MG	6-2	238	10/30/61	Soph.	Minneapolis, Minn./Armstrong
58	*Grimminger, Harry	OG	6-4	271	4/11/62	Soph.	Grand Island, Neb./GIHS
9	Hagerman, Mark	K	5-11	180	3/13/61	Jr.	Ainsworth, Neb./AHS
11	*Harris, Neil	CB	6-0	190	2/12/62	Soph.	Kansas City, Mo./Harmon
98	Hart, Lawrence	DT	6-4	265	5/1/64	Fr.	Cottage Grove, Minn./Park
37	Haywood, Calvin	M	6-1	190	11/17/57	Soph.	Mound Bayou, Miss./J.F. Kennedy
63	*Herrmann, Doug	TE	6-5	270	1/1/61	Jr.	Custer, S.D./CHS
84	*Hill, Dan	TE	6-4	225	1/9/60	Sr.	Falls City, Neb./Sacred Heart
23	*Holbrook, Tim	M	5-10	190	11/29/59	Sr.	Lexington, Neb./LHS
55	*Johnson, Brad	C	6-4	263	8/18/59	Sr.	Harvard, Neb./HHS
4	Johnson, Jeff	CB	5-11	185	8/31/61	Soph.	Lincoln, Neb./Northeast
1	Juelfs, Bruce	CB	6-0	200	9/11/61	Soph.	Potter, Neb./PHS
88	*Kimball, Scott	SE	6-0	190	12/14/61	Soph.	Camarillo, Calif./CHS
44	*Knox, Mike	LB	6-3	230	11/21/62	Soph.	Castle Rock, Colo./Douglas County
89	*Krenk, Mitch	TE	6-4	225	11/19/59	Sr.	Nebraska City, Neb./NCHS
70	*Kwapick, Jeff	OT	6-3	254	12/29/59	Sr.	Circle Pines, Minn./Centennial
3	*Larsen, Pat	S	6-1	190	9/22/60	Sr.	Fullerton, Neb./FHS
18	*Lyday, Allen	CB	5-11	185	9/16/60	Sr.	Wichita, Kan./South
68	*Mandelko, Mike	OG	6-1	255	11/3/59	Sr.	Lexington, Neb./LHS
8	*Mason, Nate	QB	6-1	195	10/26/60	Jr.	Greenville, Texas/GHS
19	*Mathison, Bruce	QB	6-4	201	4/25/59	Sr.	Superior, Wis./SHS
2	*McCashland, Mike	M	6-2	190	6/15/61	Soph.	Lincoln, Neb./East
99	McCormick, Kevin	MG	6-0	240	11/12/61	Soph.	Omaha, Neb./Gross
45	*McWhirter, Steve	LB	6-2	235	12/21/59	Sr.	Fairfield, Iowa/FHS
74	*Merrell, Jeff	MG	6-4	258	1/14/61	Sr.	Huntsville, Ala./Butler
40	*Moravec, Mark	FB	6-2	208	4/28/60	Sr.	David City, Neb./Aquinas
77	Morrow, Tom	OT	6-4	250	5/19/62	Soph.	Lincoln, Neb./Pius X
54	*Muehling, Brad	C	6-1	212	4/21/61	Jr.	Lincoln, Neb./Southeast
16	*Murphy, Jim	CB	6-0	186	8/17/61	Sr.	Lexington, Neb./LHS
67	Orton, Greg	OG	6-2	250	8/9/62	Soph.	Nebraska City, Neb./NCHS
36	Porter, Scott	FB	6-2	215	7/22/62	Soph.	Nebraska City, Neb./NCHS
85	*Praeuner, Wade	DE	6-0	210	6/29/61	Jr.	Battle Creek, Neb./BCHS
72	*Raridon, Scott	OT	6-4	266	2/22/61	Jr.	Mason City, Iowa/MCHS
62	Reinhardt, John	MG	6-1	231	6/27/62	Jr.	Littleton, Colo./Heritage
86	*Ridder, Dave	DE	6-3	215	9/26/60	Jr.	West Point, Neb./Central Catholic
50	*Rimington, Dave	C	6-3	290	5/22/60	Sr.	Omaha, Neb./South
43	Ripa, Dan	LB	6-0	214	7/11/62	Soph.	Omaha, Neb./Gross
30	*Rozier, Mike	IB	5-11	210	3/1/61	Jr.	Camden, N.J./Wilson
25	*Schellen, Mark	FB	5-10	230	8/5/61	Jr.	Waterloo, Neb./WHS
5	*Schneider, Gary	CB	6-1	187	10/25/63	Fr.	O'Neill, Neb./St. Mary's
42	*Schoettger, Scott	SE	5-8	150	5/28/62	Soph.	Lincoln, Neb./East
49	*Seibel, Kevin	K	6-1	250	1/14/61	Sr.	Vermillion, S.D./VHS
66	*Sherlock, John	OT	6-3	260	2/19/61	Jr.	Omaha, Neb./South
7	*Simmons, Ricky	SE	5-11	175	1/29/61	Jr.	Greenville, Texas/GHS
81	Smith, Brad	DE	6-3	210	6/20/63	Fr.	Franklin, Neb./FHS
28	Smith, Jeff	IB	5-11	193	3/22/62	Soph.	Wichita, Kan./Southeast
76	Spachman, Chris	DT	6-5	260	12/25/63	Fr.	Kansas City, Mo./Bishop Miege
71	*Steinkuhler, Dean	OG	6-4	257	1/27/61	Jr.	Burr, Neb./Sterling
90	*Strasburger, Scott	DE	6-2	207	2/14/63	Soph.	Holdrege, Neb./HHS
75	*Stuckey, Rob	DT	6-3	250	3/10/62	Soph.	Lexington, Neb./LHS
15	Sundberg, Craig	QB	6-2	200	8/4/62	Soph.	Lincoln, Neb./Southeast
17	*Swanson, Shane	WB	5-11	195	10/4/62	Soph.	Hershey, Neb./HHS
65	*Theiss, Randy	OT	6-3	256	9/4/60	Sr.	St. Louis, Mo./Lindbergh
53	*Thomas, Anthony	OG	6-3	285	5/25/62	Soph.	San Francisco, Calif./Balboa
39	*Thompson, Jim	WB	5-10	189	8/7/62	Soph.	Blair, Neb./BHS
64	Tranmer, Mike	MG	6-0	225	7/29/61	Jr.	Craig, Neb./Lyons
57	Traynowicz, Mark	OT	6-6	265	11/20/62	Soph.	Bellevue, Neb./West
38	*Van Norman, Kris	M	6-1	200	6/30/60	Sr.	Minden, Neb./MHS
22	*Vergith, Tom	SE	6-1	180	12/16/59	Sr.	Lincoln, Neb./East
87	*Weber, Bill	DE	6-2	210	1/11/62	Soph.	Lincoln, Neb./Southeast
56	Weed, Dan	C	6-2	200	8/15/62	Soph.	Lincoln, Neb./East
94	Whiteman, Kurt	LB	6-3	230	2/13/61	Soph.	Scottsdale, Ariz./SHS
34	*Wilkening, Doug	FB	6-3	218	5/22/61	Jr.	Littleton, Colo./Columbine
80	*Williams, Jamie	TE	6-5	230	2/25/60	Sr.	Davenport, Iowa/Central
97	*Williams, Toby	DT	6-4	255	11/19/59	Sr.	Washington, D.C./Wilson
91	Yates, Rod	SE	6-2	190	6/2/62	Soph.	Sioux City, Iowa/North
78	Zierke, Mike	DT	6-4	245	1/23/62	Soph.	Pierce, Neb./PHS

*Denotes letters earned (includes 1982)



89 MITCH KRENK
TE 6-4 225



90 SCOTT STRASBURGER
DE 6-2 207



91 ROD YATES
SE 6-2 190



92 DON BOURN
TE 6-3 200



93 TOM GDOWSKI
DT 6-3 255



94 KURT WHITEMAN
LB 6-3 230



97 TOBY WILLIAMS
DT 6-4 255



99 KEVIN MCCORMICK
MG 6-0 240

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FROSH WALK-ON. Gary Schneider was a frosh walk-on out of O'Neill St. Mary's Catholic. He's pictured with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gene Schneider, after a freshman game. At midseason, Schneider was moved to the varsity and saw plenty of action as cornerback backup. He wore jersey No. 5.

SIoux CITY JOURNAL, Sept. 11, 1982

Nebraska entertains Iowa in opening test

By Steve Allspach
Journal Sports Writer

LINCOLN — In most Nebraska circles, Coach Tom Osborne's 1982 edition of Cornhusker football has pretty much been accorded the national championship already.

Just 11 regular-season games — the first today against Iowa in Memorial Stadium (1:30 p.m.) — stand between the Huskers and their well-publicized goal.

You can bet the Huskers won't be counting their seashells until they're on the beach, though, because Coach Hayden Fry's Hawkeyes shocked Nebraska 10-7 last year in Iowa City. The year before in Lincoln, Nebraska turned in a 57-0 blow-out.

Nebraska is favored by 16 points, mostly because nine starters off an Iowa defensive unit that led the Big Ten in most every category have graduated and the Huskers boast an explosive offensive triggered by All-Big Eight quarterback Turner Gill and the Thunder and Lightning running tandem of Roger Craig and Mike Rozier.

Nebraska also boasts senior center Dave Rimington, the 290-pound winner last year of Outland Trophy which goes to the nation's best interior lineman.

Gill passed for 619 yards and ran for 289

last year, but suffered a mysterious leg injury that kept him out of a 22-15 loss to Clemson in the Orange Bowl. The Huskers were 9-3 overall last season.

Iowa lost its top two quarterbacks, but heralded sophomore Chuck Long will make his debut as the starter. The 6-foot-4, 185-pounder was dazzling in spring scrimmages, hitting 63 of 81 passes for 903 yards. However, one of Iowa's top receivers, Lon Olejniczak, is a doubtful performer because of a leg injury.

Nebraska's lineup is well-spiced with Iowans in key positions and Iowa freshman Larry Station, a 225-pound linebacker from Omaha, is also slated for heavy duty.

Husker Craig was an All-Stater at Davenport Central as was teammate Jamie Williams, starting tight end. Linebacker Steve McWhirter will start and was an All-State player at Fairfield.

McWhirter was a starter last year until injuring a knee in the first quarter of the loss to Iowa. The 220-pound Craig rushed for 1,060 yards last year when he shared the I-back position with Rozier, who gained 943 yards.

Dr. Tom's Great Experiment in working both Craig and Rozier into the starting backfield wasn't founded on a whim.

Thursday, Osborne said "Mike Rozier is a great, great football player. I hope he doesn't make a liar of me, but he may be the best we've ever had at I-back. Osborne also called Craig, who is faster than Rozier, "a great runner."

Iowa shared the Big Ten title last year, posted its best record in 22 years (8-4) and went to the Rose Bowl (28-0 loss to Washington).

Fry remembers well the licking handed his Hawks two years ago.

"They're very, very heavy favorites," said Fry. "There's a good chance they'll win the national championship."

"They have seven all-Big Eight prospects. They're just a unique football team. They have great depth and quality."

Osborne is starting his 10th season as the Huskers' head man, but his record in opening games is a somewhat pedestrian 5-3-1 because his Nebraska teams have lost only 20 others (84 wins, 2 ties) in nine years. Iowa, in fact, has never lost an opener to the Huskers, winning 18-0 in 1919 and last year.

Osborne also claims Iowa's inexperience doesn't necessarily mean the Hawkeyes have a poor defense.

"They don't have a lot of experience on defense," Osborne said, "but sometimes with a lot of experienced players, the players behind them are not necessarily bad — they just haven't played. We're operating on the assumption that Iowa has a good team."

Last year, Iowa's Eddie Phillips, who is back, gained 94 yards against the Huskers, while Craig was getting 79 and Rozier 41. The Hawks also boast veteran runners in 212-pound Owen Gill, 215-pound Norman Granger and 200-pound Glenn Buggs.

The kicking game will also figure prominently. Iowa boasts consensus All-American punter Reggie Roby and the Hawks led the nation last year in kickoff returns, taking 19 back for 552 yards, but the Huskers had only 29 kickoffs returned against them last year.

Roby set an NCAA record by averaging 49.8 yards on 44 punts.

Nebraska boasts a talented kicker, too, is Kevin Seibel. Probably the country's most physical kicker at 250 pounds, the senior from Vermillion, S.D., is 13th in Nebraska career scoring with 117 points and has missed only three of 96 PAT tries in three seasons.

DES MOINES REGISTER, Sept. 10, 1982

Craig hopes to settle old score

By BUCK TURNBULL

Register Staff Writer

LINCOLN, NEB. — It will be Roger Craig at a new position but with an old score to settle when he and highly ranked Nebraska take on Iowa here Saturday in the football season opener for both teams.

The 220-pound senior and former Iowa all-stater from Central of Davenport gets his first taste of playing fullback and is sure to be in a vengeful mood to atone for last year's 10-7 Cornhusker defeat in Iowa City.

"Sure, that was hard to take, losing over there," said Craig. "But all we're trying to do right now is to concentrate on beating Iowa — just like we would any other team."

"We have high hopes this year and want to get off on the right foot. If you lose that first game, it really makes it tough coming back for the second week."

Craig is set to start at fullback in a switch designed to have him and the team's other outstanding I-back, junior Mike Rozier, in the backfield together a good share of the time.

Roger also is ticketed for relief

FEW PLAYERS on Nebraska's squad could sympathize more with what quarterback Turner Gill has been going through this past year than Craig, who suffered a broken leg as a junior in high school.

Gill injured a leg in the Iowa State game last season and the resulting nerve damage raised the possibility that he might not play again. But he's almost fully recovered and will be the Husker starter Saturday.

"It's a terrible feeling seeing somebody playing at your position," said Craig, "and you're sitting down not being able to do anything about it. "Eventually it can tear you apart. In high school when I broke my leg I had to sit out about eight weeks. That's really tough because it seems like you lose contact with everything."

Jamie Williams, Craig's ex-prep teammate and now an all-Big Eight tight end for the Huskers, is one of Gill's closest friends. He thinks the mental pressure has been harder on the quarterback than his physical rehabilitation.

"When he's in class, or if we go out for a hamburger, or whatever he's doing, people continually remind him about the leg," explained Williams.

"They want to know how he's feeling, if he's going to play, and it's put a lot of added pressure on him. Fortunately he's back to just about where he was before he got hurt."

THERE WAS talk of redshirting Gill at this time a year ago and he didn't play at Iowa. But by the fifth game he was the starter and piloted the Huskers to six straight victories and the Big Eight title.

Osborne said he plans to use both Gill and junior Nate Mason Saturday. Mason also is coming back from leg surgery.

"Turner will start and carry the brunt of it," Osborne said, "but I'd like to work Nate in there at some point."

"Turner has as much or more athletic ability than anybody we've ever had at quarterback here — when you consider his running, throwing, confidence and poise."

"He also learns very quickly, and he's durable. He can take a certain amount of punishment."

"Vince Ferragamo and Dave Humm were fine throwers for us," continued Tom. "Turner isn't much of a 'touch' passer, but his arm is a little stronger than theirs. Of course, he's a better runner. They were 5-flat in the 40. He's 4.6 and much more maneuverable."

THE NEBRASKA media is campaigning for Dave Rimington, the

team's 290-pound all-America center, to win the Heisman Trophy this year.

Last season Rimington was voted the Big Eight's offensive player of the year by the Associated Press, a rare feat in itself for a center, and also won the Outland Trophy as the nation's best interior lineman.

But the Heisman? This exchange between an Omaha TV sportscaster and Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer on the Big Eight Skywriters tour puts that in perspective.

TV announcer: "Coach, what chance do you think Dave Rimington has to win the Heisman Award this year?"

Switzer: "None."

TV Announcer: "Why do you say that?"

Switzer: "Because he doesn't carry the ball enough."

DES MOINES REGISTER, Sept. 11, 1982

Iowa underdog at Nebraska

By BUCK TURNBULL

Register Staff Writer

LINCOLN, NEB. — For a team that shared the Big Ten championship last year and went to the Rose Bowl, it's strange how little chance Iowa is given to win the opening game of a new football season here today.

Maybe little chance aren't even the right words.

Since the opponent is Nebraska, and since the Cornhuskers are gunning for the national championship, many would say there is no chance at all.

Professional gamblers have es-

What others said:

DUBUQUE TELEGRAPH-HERALD: Quarterback Turner Gill engineered four long scoring drives to key Nebraska's 42-7 romp over Iowa, but Coach Tom Osborne said his star signal-caller wasn't at his best. "I think Turner Gill had a good day, but he can do better," Osborne said.

AP FOOTBALL POLL

The Top 20

(First-place votes, records, total points)	
1. Pittsburgh (33) 0-0	1,082
2. Washington (16) 0-0	1,007
3. Nebraska (2) 0-0	918
4. Alabama (2) 0-0	916
5. North Carolina (2) 0-0	825
6. Georgia (1) 1-0	811
7. Penn State 1-0	731
8. Southern Methodist 0-0	722
9. Oklahoma 0-0	593
10. Southern California 0-0	573
11. Florida 1-0	549
12. Michigan 0-0	538
13. Arkansas 0-0	492
14. Ohio State 0-0	394
15. Arizona State 1-0	306
16. Clemson 0-1	236
17. Texas 0-0	181
18. UCLA 0-0	173
19. Miami (Fla.) 0-1	162
20. Notre Dame 0-0	112

Al Grady

IOWA CITY PRESS-CITIZEN, Sept. 10, 1982

Can Hawks pull another surprise against Nebraska?



Just a year ago, on the first big Saturday of the major college football season, the land rumbled with the news that Iowa had stunned Nebraska and Wisconsin had staggered Michigan.

The outcomes seemed preposterous, and they signaled a season of shockers which, among other things, sent long-suffering Iowa fans to the Rose Bowl and left unsung Clemson as the national champion.

Now, we are on the eve of another season and the day of retribution is said to be at hand for both Nebraska and Michigan, among others.

Tomorrow, Iowa must play at Nebraska, and Wisconsin at Michigan, and the home teams, it is safe to assume, will be most anxious to repay a debt.

For Iowa, the task seems especially arduous, because Iowa has lost most of the veteran personnel from its Rose Bowl team. Wisconsin, at least, takes a veteran, tested team to Ann Arbor.

As you know, this is the fourth, and last, game in the current series between Iowa and Nebraska. Considering the schools' records and reputations at this time in football history, Iowa has done rather well, winning one and almost winning another when it was a heavy underdog.

It is the game at Nebraska two years ago — the only game at Lincoln to date — that is frightening as one contemplates what might happen Saturday. That one, you recall, finished 57-0. The staggered Iowa team, which had started so proudly with a key win at Indiana, went on to lose its next three games by a total of 11 points and finish the season a disappointing 4-7.

Might the same sort of thing happen again? Well, yes, it might, because almost anything can happen in a football game, and because Iowa is a young, largely untested team, and because some Nebraska partisans believe this may be one of the best Big Red teams ever.

Walking into such an ugly circumstance, it seems terribly important that the Hawkeyes Saturday make Nebraska beat them, that they do not beat themselves.

It is important to note the very different character of the opening minutes of play in the teams' last two meetings, each of which produced a startling final score.

At Nebraska two years ago, Jarvis Redwine broke for a 69-yard touchdown run on the third play from scrimmage. Later in the quarter, Iowa had a good drive going, but the ball was knocked loose from the arms of Jeff Brown. Nebraska recovered at its own 12 and Iowa was further penalized for piling on.

There followed a long Nebraska march for a touchdown. And on the ensuing kickoff, Iowa's Eddie Phillips fumbled at his own 17, Nebraska recovered and marched in for another quick score. It was 21-0 with barely two minutes gone in the second quarter.

Obviously, when you are down 21-0 after 17 minutes against a team like Nebraska, your game plan is gone. Iowa spent the rest of the day being harassed, hammered and humiliated.

A year ago, in Iowa City, it was Iowa that had the veterans and Nebraska with mostly newcomers at the ball-handling positions. Nebraskan Bryan Skradis made a big hit for the Hawks at the Iowa 12 on the opening kickoff to set the tone for the day. And the chant of "Let's Go, Hawks!" reverberated through Kinnick Stadium.

Nebraska's first punt was partially blocked and Iowa, running its opening plays from an unbalanced line and in quick tempo without a huddle, swept in for a touchdown. In that same first period, Nebraska lost a fumble and had a pass intercepted.

So we come back to the old football axiom that the team that makes the fewest mistakes usually wins — at least when the manpower is somewhere near even.

How even the manpower on the two sides is Saturday at Lincoln remains to be seen. The Cornhuskers are rated, and probably properly so, as being much better than the Hawkeyes. So were they a year ago.



Roger Craig
At fullback this year

duty at I-back, but whether he carries the ball as much as he did before remains to be seen. If not, then Coach Tom Osborne has asked him to make quite a sacrifice.

That's because Craig enters this season with a good chance to become Nebraska's all-time rushing leader. All it will take is another 1,000-yard season like he had last year.

Roger currently stands ninth on the Cornhusker career list with 1,860 yards in 288 attempts — an average of 6.46 yards per carry. The record is 2,814 by I.M. Hipp, whose last year was 1979.

"One nice thing about playing fullback," Craig says philosophically, "is that I get to hit the defensive ends now instead of those guys hitting me all the time."

Game 1 — Iowa

Nebraska proves No. 3 rating, 42-7

DES MOINES SUNDAY REGISTER
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But Iowa provides some hope in 3rd-quarter play

Statistics		
	Iowa	Neb.
First downs	11	24
Rushes-yards	37-97	56-343
Passing yards	93	160
Return yards	3	91
Passes	10-21-1	10-18-0
Punts	8-51	5-45
Fumbles-lost	2-1	2-2
Penalties-yards	4-29	4-40
SCORING		
Iowa	0	0
Nebraska	14	14
Neb — Wilkening 3 run (Seible kick)		
Neb — Fryar 41 pass from Gill (Seible kick)		
Neb — Craig 6 run (Seible kick)		
Neb — Praeuner recovered fumble in end zone (Seible kick)		
Iowa — Grogan 4 run (Nichol kick)		
Neb — Brown 9 pass from Gill (Seible kick)		
Neb — Smith 80 run (Seible kick)		
A — 76,013		

By BUCK TURNBULL

Sunday Register Staff Writer

LINCOLN, NEB. — Horror of horrors! Iowa's invasion of Nebraska to open the football season Saturday came close to being a rerun of what happened to the Hawkeyes here in 1980.

Coach Hayden Fry used such words as "terrible" to describe his team's performance in a pitiful first half, and "washout" for the game itself, and that seemed to sum up Nebraska's 42-7 romp pretty well.

It wasn't quite as bad as the 57-0 licking Iowa took here two years ago, because the young and rebuilding Hawks did not buckle in the third quarter, which gave Fry some hope and encouragement for the remainder of the season.

"I think you probably saw one of the top college teams in the nation in Nebraska out there this afternoon," said the fourth-year Hawkeye coach.

"They jumped on us pretty good. But I was real proud of our football team in the second half. We moved the ball fairly well and had Nebraska blanked for quite a while until we just wore out in the fourth quarter."

Record Sellout

The Cornhuskers certainly lived up to their billing as the nation's third-ranked team, treating the standard

WATERLOO GAZETTE, Sept. 12, 1982

Huskers even score with Hawkeyes 42-7

By BURKE EVANS

Assistant Sports Editor

LINCOLN, Neb.—Iowa football coach Hayden Fry's worst fears became a reality here Saturday afternoon—his young and inexperienced Hawkeyes were no match for the powerful Nebraska Cornhuskers.

Fry had said all along he didn't know how his club would perform in the 1982 season debut against the Cornhuskers, the third-ranked team in the country.

Nebraska rattled the Hawkeyes 42-7 behind a 503-yard total offense performance and a defense that limited Iowa to 190 yards.

The game was won in the first quarter and a half when the Huskers jumped out to a 21-0 lead. An Iowa mistake, one of the few the Hawkeyes were guilty of on this hot summer afternoon before a vociferous crowd of 76,013 fans, led to another Nebraska touchdown and a 28-0 halftime advantage.

At that stage Nebraska had run 44 plays from scrimmage and netted 250 yards. Iowa, on the other hand, had run just 19 plays and the Hawkeyes' total offense for those first 30 minutes was one yard. They recorded their only first down of the half on the final play before intermission.

"I THINK you probably saw one of the top college teams in the nation this afternoon," said Fry. "They jumped on us pretty good."

"It was a good learning situation because we got to play a lot of young

Memorial Stadium crowd of 76,013 — their 119th straight sellout, a collegiate record — to a flawless performance in the first half.

They assumed total control of the game from the outset, moving precisely and relentlessly into a 28-0 lead at the intermission, and the halftime statistics told a woeful but true picture of what had transpired.

Iowa did not get so much as a first down until the last play of the half. The Hawks wound up with a net of only one yard. Nebraska, meanwhile, was rolling to 14 first downs and 250 yards.

Husker quarterback Turner Gill, coming back from a serious leg injury that shelved him late last season, put on a magnificent display of passing and running to account for 184 of his team's 503 yards.

Gill passed for two touchdowns, one a 41-yard toss to swift Irving Fryar in the first quarter and another from nine yards out to Todd Brown in the final period.

Iowan Roger Craig, the former Central of Davenport all-stater, got the revenge he was seeking for Nebraska's 10-7 upset loss in Iowa City last year by scoring once and running for 57 yards in 15 carries.

However, the Huskers' ball-toting standout was fast and elusive Mike Rozier, who scampered for 167 yards in 18 attempts, also scoring one time.

"I was very pleased with the way we came out to start the game," said Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne. "We played awfully well for about a quarter and a half. Offensively, I thought we executed quite well, except for a time in the third quarter."

Understatement

Then Osborne added something that none of the Hawkeyes will dispute, although it was an understatement, saying: "We can have a good football team this season."

Substitute great for good and you have a more accurate assessment.

The first two possessions gave a clear indication of how long an afternoon it would be for Iowa.

Nebraska took the opening kickoff and rolled 80 yards to score in 13 plays, sending Doug Wilkening over from three yards out.

men, but it's kind of ridiculous for an inexperienced team like we have to have to open against a quality team like Nebraska. It's going to be real tough for our young guys to bounce back."

Even though he feared the worst, Fry admitted he and his staff felt there was at least an outside chance to knock off the Huskers for the second year in a row. Iowa upset them 10-7 in Iowa City last fall after being humiliated 57-0 two years ago.

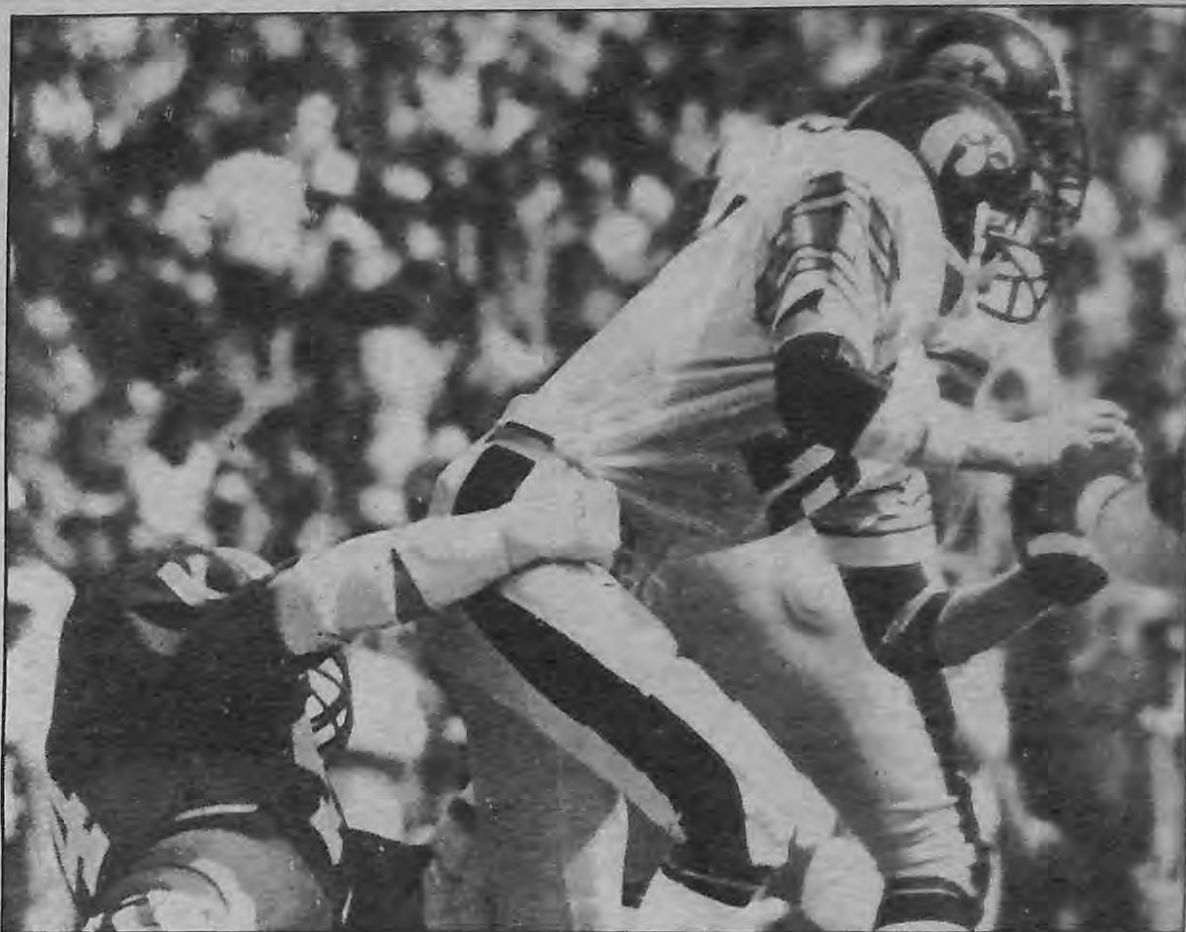
"We thought if we played good sound football we had a chance. It was apparent after we got behind 21-0 that we didn't," he admitted.

"It's obvious we are exactly what we thought we were—inexperienced and we made a lot of mistakes. Thank goodness we didn't fold our tent."

To be sure, the Hawkeyes did not fold their tent. They battled the Huskers on even terms through much of the second half although it also was obvious that Nebraska wasn't playing with the same intensity after building its 28-0 halftime lead.

Nebraska scored on three of its first four possessions, driving 80, 61 and 84 yards.

The fourth Nebraska TD was scored by defensive end Wade Praeuner, who recovered a loose ball in the Iowa end zone with 30 seconds remaining in the first half. The ball was loose because Joel Hilgenberg's center snap to quarterback Chuck Long sailed far over his head and rolled over the goalline where Praeuner made a diving grab, just ahead of Long.



Nebraska's Mike Knox has a firm grasp on Iowa quarterback Chuck Long during second-quarter action. Long was nailed for a six-yard loss on the play.

CEDAR RAPID GAZETTE, Sept. 12, 1982

Huskers jump on Hawks

By Don Doxsie

Gazette sportswriter

LINCOLN, Neb. — It wasn't a 57-0 embarrassment but Hayden Fry's second visit to Nebraska's Memorial Stadium certainly won't go down as one of his fondest memories.

Nebraska, a team expected to have a powerful offense, showed a pretty robust defense too as it rolled to an easy 42-7 victory over Fry's Iowa team in the season-opening game for both teams Saturday.

The No. 3-ranked Cornhuskers, who bombed the Hawks 57-0 in Lincoln two years ago, rocketed to a 28-0 halftime lead Saturday and put it on automatic pilot the rest of the way, avenging last season's 10-7 loss to Iowa.

"I think you probably saw one of the top college football teams in the nation in Nebraska today," said Fry. "They jumped on us pretty good."

And his assessment of his own team?

"It was apparent that we are exactly what I thought we were — a very inexperienced young team that makes lots of mistakes."

The game was, for all practical purposes, over by halftime as the Cornhuskers thoroughly dominated the first 30 minutes and, for a time, made it look like another 57-0 rout was in the making.

Fry, always one to tinker with new offenses, inadvertently unveiled a new one in the first half — the cha-cha-cha shuffle.

The first five times the Hawkeyes had the ball, it was one-two-three-punt, one-two-three-punt. In the meantime, the Huskers danced to a 28-0 lead.

The Hawks ran 19 plays in the first half, netting just one yard. They also got one first down, that coming when quarterback Chuck Long scrambled for seven yards on the final play of the half.

"It seemed like they were just all over us," said Long.

"In the first half our offense was just terrible," added Fry. "I know Nebraska had a lot to do with that but we still executed poorly. And our defense wasn't all that great either in the first half."

The defense, forced to spend almost 20 minutes on the field in the first two quarters, yielded 250 yards before intermission as quarter-

What others said:

CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE: Iowa nose guard Dave (Fat Daddy) Browne had been interviewed a great deal because he had to play opposite Dave Rimington. "It was a learning experience for me to play against a guy like that," Browne allowed. "Rimington's good. He's a nice guy, too."

HAWKEYE FANS attempted to lease abandoned Rock Island tracks and equipment to roll trains Des Moines-Iowa City-Des Moines for Hawkeye home games. Lloyds of London's insurance quote caused the idea to die abornin'.

WATERLOO GAZETTE: Reggie Roby got off to a good start in defense of his NCAA punting championship. He averaged 51.1 yards on eight kicks against Nebraska, with the longest 61 yards.

Fifty radio stations are set to broadcast University of Iowa football games this season, commencing with the Nebraska game. Nine stations will originate the broadcasts.

GROGAN, who didn't get in the ball game until the second half, was the most effective of three quarterbacks. He completed 4 of 10 passes for 55 yards and moved the team when he was in the game. Long hit on 5 of 7 but for just 31 yards and had one intercepted.

"I don't know. I'll have to look at the films," answered Fry when asked if Grogan might now be his No. 1 signal-caller.

"He did a good job for his first game but I'm not displeased with Chuck Long either," he added.

Grogan's touchdown run was the 14th play of an 89-yard drive, most of it against the Cornhuskers' No. 1 defensive unit.

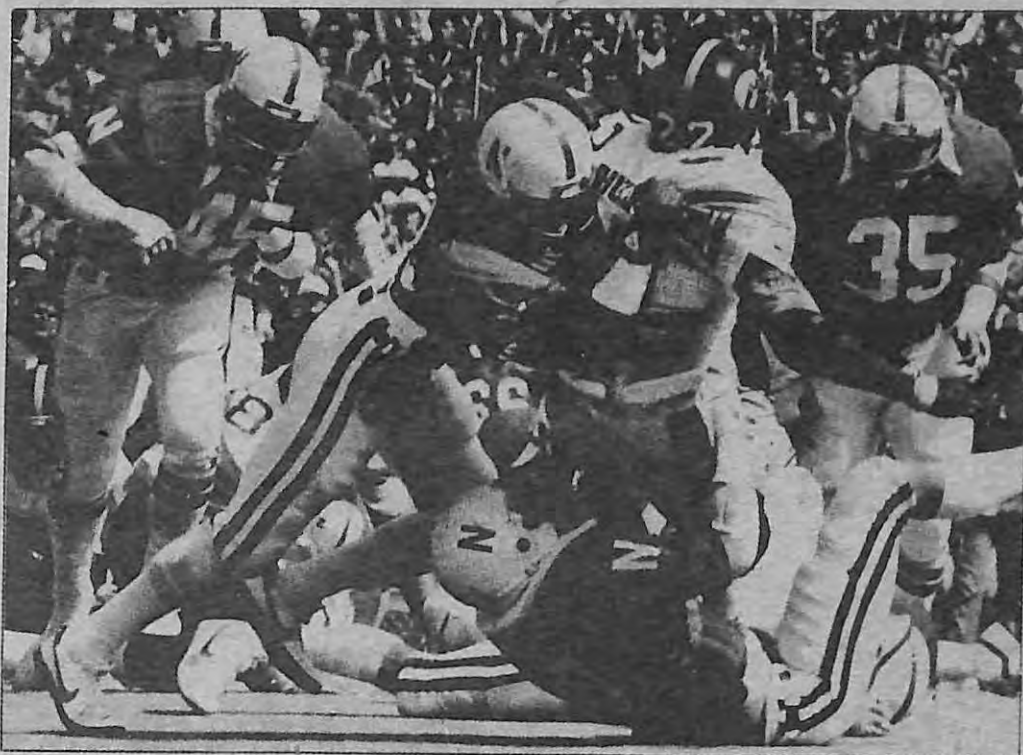
A 15-yard roughing the kicker penalty got the march started. Big plays were Owen Gill's 30-yard run to the Nebraska 38 and Grogan's 24-yard pass to tight end Mike Hufford on a fourth-and-20 situation at the Huskers' 33.

Following the TD, they marched 69 yards in four plays, scoring on Gill's nine-yard pass to split end Todd Brown. However, the big play of that sortee was a 52-yard run by I-back Mike Rozier, who led all runners with 127 yards on 18 carries.

So what do the Hawkeyes do now?

"They realize we have 10 games left," said Fry. "I honestly don't know how our guys are going to react. We've tried to impress them that we have 10 games left and were defeated by one of the great teams in the nation."

The Hawkeyes play Iowa State in Iowa City next Saturday.



Iowa running back Eddie Phillips (22) finds absolutely nowhere to go after encountering Nebraska defenders Allen Lyday (left) and Bill Weber (bottom). Also pictured are Cornhuskers Steve McWhirter (45) and Steve Damkroger (35). Nebraska plucked the Hawks, 42-7.

CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE,
Sept. 12, 1982

It was that kind of day

The Hawkeyes had more than their share of frustrations in going down to a 42-7 loss to Nebraska.



With his teammates opening a massive hole in the center of the Iowa defense, Nebraska fullback Roger Craig zips up the middle on the Huskers' first scoring drive.

SIoux CITY JOURNAL, Sept. 12, 1982

Huskers hammer Hawkeyes, 42-7

By Steve Allspach
Journal Sports Writer

LINCOLN — What more eloquent a spokesman than Dave Rimington could describe Nebraska's 42-7 dismantling of Iowa Saturday?

"Obviously, lots of people figured we were seeking revenge in this game, but we had all summer to think about revenge," said the mammoth 6-foot-3, 290-pound All-American center of the Husker frolic that opened the football season for both teams.

The win, indeed, avenged a 10-7 loss to Iowa in Iowa City last season.

The Hawkeyes went on to share the Big Ten title, but lost to Washington in the Rose Bowl, while the Huskers dropped a national championship battle to Clemson in the Orange Bowl after winning the Big Eight crown.

"The entire team wanted to play well and to do that you've got to concentrate on your assignments more than worry about revenge. I'm the nation's premier lineman."

"Iowa hurt us bad over there last time we did that, especially in the first half," added Rimington, who

won the Outland Trophy last year as year and we learned some lessons," continued the Husker co-captain, who disdained the magnetism of turning pro this year to close out his senior collegiate season.

"I suppose there might have been a certain amount of pressure on me, but I wanted to open the season with a good game."

"I was on an NCAA promotional tour last summer with Herschel Walker and Dan Marino and I watched those guys experience pre-

a lot to do with that."

"I got mad only once all day," said Fry. "That was in the fourth quarter when that Nebraska runner made a long gain and then spiked the ball. Four officials saw him do it, and they wouldn't call a penalty. It didn't matter in the game's outcome, but they should have penalized Nebraska 15 yards."

Fry referred to a brilliant 52-yard run by Mike Rozler. He actually fell over a teammate who was blocking out Iowa's Bobby Stoops. Spiking (hurling the ball at the ground) is legal with the pros, but taboo in college.

As usual, there was a split crew officiating, three from the Big Eight and three from the Big Ten. The referee was John McClintock, Des Moines attorney who works for the Big Eight.

• **Quick outs:** Mark Bortz (3 tackles and an assist) admitted it was very hot on the Astroturf, especially in the first half. "We have a lot of respect for Nebraska," he said. "They have a good offensive line, and next Saturday we'll probably face a better one, because Iowa State has a lot of big, experienced guys." . . . Fry didn't have his "high sheriff" from Denton, Texas, as a bodyguard, but two Iowa sheriffs filled in: Gary Hughes of Iowa City and Ron Stewart of Des Moines. . . . Nebraska had possession 19½ minutes to Iowa's 10½ in the first half, but Iowa had the ball 17-13 in the second half. . . . Nebraska's Jeff Smith scooted 80 yards on his first college run, and he cut his average to 43½ yards on his second try. . . . Joel Hilgenberg's high snap boosted Nebraska's half-time lead to 28-0, but Chuck Long also made a mistake. While chasing the ball, he looked back and was outscrambled in the end zone by Nebraska's Wade Praeuner.

What others said:

GUS SCHRADER, Waterloo Gazette: How good — or how bad — is Iowa's football team? To get a reading, you'll have to measure Nebraska. If you're a solid Hawkeye fan, you'd better be hoping Nebraska really is an outstanding team. Nebraska's 76,000 seat Memorial Stadium looked like Christmas colors. There was all that Big Red Sea, of course, and Iowa's football team was vivid green with inexperience. The Hawkeyes came up with a conga line on offense. It was 1-2-3 kick the first five times they had the ball. IU's Reggie Roby got off to a good start.

CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE: The Huskers set the tone immediately, taking the opening kickoff and marching 80 yards to score. A 28-yard pass completion from Gill to Fryar provided much of the yardage. After Nebraska's TD number four, the game was virtually over but the Hawkeye's did manage to provide a few second-half smiles for the 4,000 or so Iowa rooters among the 76,013. They revived the offense and actually moved the ball 50 yards downfield before quarterback Long threw an interception.

DUBUQUE TELEGRAPH-HERALD: Quarterback Turner Gill engineered four long scoring drives to key Nebraska's 42-7 romp over Iowa, but Coach Tom Osborne said his star signal-caller wasn't at his best. "I think Turner Gill had a good day, but he can do better," Osborne said.

IU coach HAYDEN FRY: Nebraska showed some formations new to us. I voted number 1 in the UPI coaches' poll.

What others said:

RICK TURNBULL, Des Moines Register: Nebraska, which has a great defensive tradition with its famed Black Shirts, enters this season with an entirely new secondary. The one that was graduated led in the nation in pass defense a year ago. Iowans in the Nebraska lineup: I-back Roger Craig, his former prep teammate at Davenport Central, tight end Jamie Williams, and linebacker Steve McWhirter of Fairfield.

7 win was the most impressive opening in eight or nine years. Osborne said it was difficult to tell from the films if the "weak set," a closely guarded secret since last spring, caught Iowa by surprise. Iowa's Coach Fry was lavish in his praise of Nebraska, saying: "Nebraska has a fantastic team."

BURKE EVANS, Waterloo Courier: The host Cornhuskers, to be sure, are solid favorites to avoid what happened to them a year ago when they were ambushed 10-7 by the Hawkeyes in Iowa City.



Nebraska's Steve Damkroger, right, wraps up Iowa's Eddie Phillips after a short gain during the second quarter of Saturday's opening football game for the two teams at Lincoln. The Cornhuskers crushed the Hawkeyes, 42-7.

Red Peppers

By Gus Schrader

LINCOLN, Neb. — Tom Grogan, who may have staked a claim on Iowa's starting quarterback spot with his play Saturday, was asked how he figured the 42-7 shellacking from Nebraska.

"It was mostly a case of too little too late," he replied, managing a wry smile. "Nebraska had a little more fire power."

Speaking of the Rose Bowl — Iowa's last game (28-0) until Saturday — at least the Hawks scored in this one. Iowa didn't get past Washington's 29-yard line at Pasadena.

The Hawks looked worse than that in the first half Saturday, as they didn't get a first down until the final second of the half — on Long's 7-yard run. That also provided their initial first down, and it gave them a plus-one in first-half yardage. Iowa's deepest penetration in the first 30 minutes was Nebraska's 47-yard line.

Fry was asked if Nebraska is the best team in the nation.

"I'm on the UPI coaches' board, and (last week) I voted for them No. 2, behind Washington," the Iowa coach replied.

What about now?

"I don't know how Washington came out today," Fry parried.

He had nothing but praise for Nebraska's personnel and preparation, but added: "We left a lot to be desired execution-wise. We couldn't stick our finger in our eye out there. Of course, Nebraska had

LAS CRUCES (N.M.) SUN-NEWS, Sept. 19, 1982

Aggies Thrashed By Cornhuskers

**By JOE MUENCH
Of The Sun-News**

LINCOLN, Neb. - Look for the University of Nebraska to be ranked twice in this week's top 20 college ratings, and look for its so-called substitutes to be higher than the first string.

The whole Cornhusker team was third last week, but Saturday, before 76,141 fans, their regulars took a 28-0 halftime lead, before the second-third- and fourth-strings added 33 points in the third quarter, alone, for an eventual 68-0 rout of New Mexico State University.

Nebraska set four all-time NCAA records in the contest, 43 first downs, a total offense of 883 yards, most first down rushing, 36 and most rushing yards gained without a loss, 677.

That last mark broke the record set by the University Texas-El Paso in 1948 when UTEP handed the Aggies a 92-7 beating, the worst in NMSU's history.

The win upped the 'Huskers' record to 2-0, while the Aggies fell to 0-3.

The loss represented the Aggies' third most one-sided defeat in modern day history. Besides the UTEP game, they also were 76-0 victims of Utah State in 1964.

That third-quarter rout saw Nebraska's subs score five touchdowns, but mercifully miss two of the point after attempts.

High points for the Aggies were two: They received no serious injuries and they were able to hold the Nebraska last string scoreless for the first seven minutes of the fourth quarter.

NMSU's offense was able to gain ground throughout the contest, but never mount a serious scoring threat. The closest the Aggies came was outside the Husker 38 yard line.

Although it was 28-0 at the half, NMSU was not being humiliated,

thanks to the punting of Aggie senior Marc Brandt.

Nebraska was to get only five possessions of the football, scoring on its first four - but only after long drives that ate up the clock.

Brandt kicks had forced the Cornhuskers to start their scoring drives deep in their own territory (19, 3, 14 and 1).

NMSU's offense, although nudging into Nebraska territory only once, played errorless ball until its last possession when quarterback Jamie McAlister fumbled a snap that was recovered by 'Husker Wade Praeuner on the Aggie 42. Ironically, with their first good field position of the day, the Huskers were unable to score. They ran out of time at the Aggie 8 yard line.

The Aggies stuck basically to the ground game in the first half, but one NMSU highlight was a 19-yard pass from McAlister to Al Tanner to the Cornhusker 45 early in the second quarter.

The Aggies' other long play was a run by fullback James Hebert, good for 22 yards to the NMSU 45.

Nebraska fullback Mike Rozier, who gained 149 yards on 14 first-half carries, scored three of the TDs, from 3, 1 and 3 yards. The other score was an 18-yard pass from Cornhusker quarterback Turner Gill to Todd Brown.

With Rozier's stats, the Huskers were able to pile up 28 first downs to the Aggies' 5, and amass 422 yards in total offense to the visitors' 87.

The third quarter was one solid stream of red jerseys running wild on the field. Unlike the first half, when the Aggies played with only one miscue, they had a pass intercepted and fumbled on two of their first three series. With that, the Huskers scored three times in the first five minutes of the period.



Determined Husker

University of Nebraska halfback Jeff Smith (#28) runs for a first down in second half action Saturday before Holbert Johnson (#9) from New Mexico State makes the tackle.

KANSAS CITY STAR, Sept. 19, 1982

New Mexico State no competition Huskers alter record book

Lincoln, Neb.—Nebraska helped New Mexico State get into the National Collegiate Athletic Association football record books the hard way Saturday with a 68-0 thrashing.

The No. 3-ranked Cornhuskers set four NCAA **Big Eight** offensive records and a school record along the way.

"We thought they would be more physical," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said. "They weren't all bad, but we were able to execute well."

Nebraska, 2-0, set NCAA records of 883 yards total offense, 667 yards gained rushing without being thrown for a loss, 43 total first downs and 36 first downs by rushing. The 667 yards rushing also was a Nebraska school record.

"We wanted to take it right to them," quarterback Turner Gill said. "The offensive line controlled the line of scrimmage."

The Husker defense also controlled the line of scrimmage. New Mexico State penetrated Husker territory only twice in 12 possessions and advanced no farther than the 38. The Aggies gained 182 total yards, 89 on the passing of quarterback Jamie McAlister, who completed 10 of 23 attempts.

Nebraska used 80 players, seven scoring touchdowns. The Huskers scored touchdowns on 10 of 13 possessions.

"We got to look at lots of people," Osborne said. "It was gratifying our younger players were able to execute well."

The previous NCAA mark for total offense was 875 yards set by Oklahoma against Colorado in 1980; the former record for the most rushing yards gained without a loss was 645 by Texas-El Paso, also against New Mexico State in 1948; the 43 first downs topped the record 42 set by Nebraska last year against Colorado; and the 36 first downs rushing broke the mark of 35 by Colorado against Northwestern in 1978.

Nebraska I-back Mike Rozier scored three touchdowns on runs of 3, 1 and 2 yards and gained 149 yards in 14 carries, although he didn't play in the second half. He set the tone by going 62 yards on his first run from scrimmage.

Gill also sat out the second half after completing 10 of 13 passes, including an 18-yard scoring strike to Todd Brown for a second-quarter touchdown.

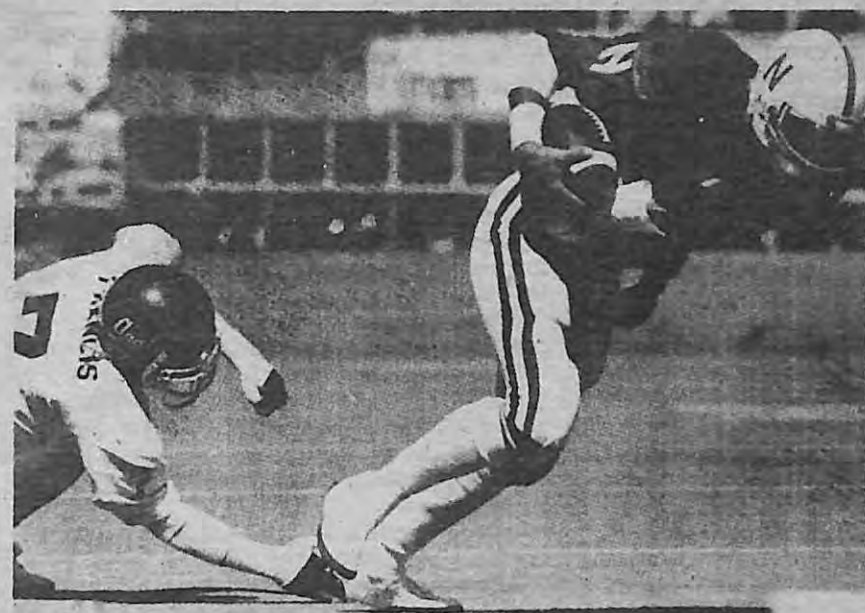
Sophomore I-back Jeff Smith scored on the first play of the second half with a 68-yard run, junior I-back Tim Brungardt scored on runs of 25 and 7 yards, reserve fullback Mark Schellen scored on a 1-yard run and reserve quarterbacks Nate Mason and Bruce Mathison threw touchdown passes of 9 and 61 yards.

The loss left New Mexico State 0-3. Nebraska visits Penn State next week.

AP Top Twenty

The Top Twenty teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses. Season records and total points. Points based on 20-19-18-17-16-15-14.

1. Washington (28)	1-0-0	1,132
2. Pitt (16)	1-0-0	1,073
3. Nebraska (10)	1-0-0	1,073
4. Alabama (6)	1-0-0	1,021
5. Florida	2-0-0	886
6. Southern Methodist	1-0-0	872
7. Georgia	2-0-0	846
8. Penn State	2-0-0	789
9. Arkansas	1-0-0	693
10. Michigan	1-0-0	667
11. North Carolina	0-1-0	572
12. Ohio State	1-0-0	426
13. Arizona State	2-0-0	404
14. UCLA	1-0-0	356
15. Miami, Fla.	1-1-0	324
16. Clemson	0-1-0	291
17. West Virginia	1-0-0	279
18. Texas	0-0-0	263
19. Southern Cal	0-1-0	183
20. Notre Dame	0-0-0	179



Todd Brown Pulls Away From NMSU's Andre Francis En Route to 1 of 10 Nebraska TDs

ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL, Sept. 18, 1982

Aggies Fearing Rout

Journal Special

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska's third-ranked Cornhuskers, polishing their act for a three-game road swing, takes on New Mexico State today in what may turn out to be the most lopsided pairing of the football weekend.

Kickoff is set for 12:30 MDT and the 120th consecutive sellout crowd of 73,650 will fill Memorial Stadium. It's the second meeting between the Big 8 Conference defending champs and the Aggies of the Missouri Valley Conference. The 'Huskers won the first encounter handily, 57-0, in 1979. Chances are they'll eclipse that figure today.

Several factors point to a Nebraska rout. Two are worth mentioning.

First, today is the final tuneup for Nebraska before embarking on a strenuous three-game road swing that will

take the Cornhuskers to 8th-ranked Penn State Sept. 25, Auburn Oct. 2 and Colorado Oct. 9. Nebraska opened its season last week with a 42-7 defeat of defending Big Ten champ Iowa.

Secondly, Aggie Coach Gil Krueger said he may use every player taken on the trip. The Aggies, 0-2 after losses to Texas-El Paso (20-17) and Indiana State (14-7), conclude a three-game road swing of their own next Saturday at Colorado State.

"We'll probably play some of our players who haven't played much before," Krueger said. "We're outmatched at some positions and we'll have to play hard just to stay in the game. We'll have to keep fresh people in the game. Everybody who makes the trip will play."

When the two teams met in 1979, Nebraska totaled 569 yards of offense,

377 of which came on the ground. In its two previous games, NMSU has yielded an average of 279 rushing yards and ranks last in the eight-team MVC. The Aggies are giving up a total of 313 yards a game to rank third in the league.

Nebraska, employing a new weak-set offense, accumulated 503 yards against Iowa. I-back Mike Rozier, a 5-foot-11, 210-pound junior, rushed for 127 yards on 18 carries. Fullback Robert Craig, 6-2, 220 senior, carried 15 times for 57 yards and two touchdowns.

"In this formation the fullback is in a direct line with the center and the quarterback," described Nebraska Coach Tom Osborn. "But the I-back is on the side away from the tight end. We'll keep looking at it. I was satisfied at first glance."



Nate Mason ... Huskers' fastest quarterback with a 4.71 timing at 40 yards.

Against New Mexico State, Mason and Mathison threw touchdown passes to Jim Thompson, 9 yards, and Ricky Simmons, 61 yards, respectively. Mason is a junior, Mathison a senior.



Bruce Mathison ... shares back-up duties with Mason.

How strong can Nebraska offense be?

By JOHN KUNDA
Executive Sports Editor

For a minute, think about Nebraska's one-game total of 883 yards of offense. Gosh, that's more than a half-a-mile; it's almost nine football fields, and, as Dave Baker says, "that put them halfway to State College."

Indeed, the Nebraska offense is awesome.

The Cornhuskers will put that offense on display against Penn State tomorrow afternoon at Beaver Stadium. A crowd of close to 85,000 (the record is 85,133 set last year when Alabama visited Penn State) is expected. CBS will be there to televise the game nationally beginning at 3:30 p.m.

To show just how powerful the Nebraska offense is, at least six offensive players in this 1982 team are being boomed as the "best ever," or, at least, "the best in a long time at Nebraska."

►Mike Rozier, a 5-11, 210-pound junior I-Back, has the potential, according to Coach Tom Osborne, of being Nebraska's best running back ever.

►Roger Craig, a 6-2, 220-pound senior fullback, although injured last week, is about as complete a player Osborne's ever coached.

►Irving Fryar, a 6-0, 190-pound wingback, is reputed to be the best wingback at Nebraska since Heisman Trophy winner Johnny Rodgers earned All-America honors in 1971 and 1972.

►Turner Gill, a 6-1, 183-pound junior quarterback, is supposed to be the best quarterback since Vince Ferragamo won All-America honors in 1976.

►Todd Brown, a 6-0, 173-pound senior split end, could have as good a pair of hands as any to play at Nebraska.

►Jamie Williams, 6-5, 230-pound tight end, could be as good or better than 1979 All-American Junior Miller.

►Dave Rimington, a 6-3, 290-pound senior center, won the Outland Award a year and is rated tops among several modern Nebraska All-Americans at his position.

It is with little wonder, then, that Penn State Coach Joe Paterno, who normally paints a bleak picture, says, "Anything I say sounds ludicrous. They have just completely dominated, have done anything they wanted to do offensively against the first two teams they have played."

"They run the ball, throw the ball and option the ball. They have momentum going for them. They have a super offensive line



Anything I say sounds ludicrous. They have done anything they wanted to do offensively against their first two opponents

JOE PATERNO



When we used players who really know our plays, we scored every time except once, and on that one we ran out of time

TOM OSBORNE

and are an awesome offensive football team."

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne doesn't hold anything back. He's obviously pleased with what he saw in Nebraska's easy victories over Iowa and New Mexico State. Of the 68-0 rout of New Mexico State when the Cornhuskers rolled up the 883 total yards, Osborne said: "When we had the players who really know our plays in there, we scored every time we had the ball except once, and on that one, we ran out of time."

Penn State has shown some strong offense of its own, but all in the passing game. Quarterback Todd Blackledge is the new hero, passing for 12 touchdowns in the Lions' first three victories.

The running game, however, has been less than expected. Curt Warner, the preseason Heisman Trophy candidate, hasn't been able to get started. Neither has Jon Williams, who isn't far behind Warner in status.

Paterno shrugs that off. "A lot of people," he said, "expected Curt Warner to be gaining 150 yards a game and they are not seeing that, so there is a tendency to think the running game is nil. But it's not. We made up

our minds that this year we were going to be a passing team."

The Penn State offense is in good hands. It has shown that it can connect with the big play even though the first three opponents, Temple, Maryland and Rutgers, are not in the class with Nebraska.

It is on the defense where Penn State needs help the most. Paterno has said that his defenders "aren't tackling the way they should be... they aren't aggressive enough."

Penn State hasn't been able to put heat on the opposing quarterbacks, none of whom have had the mobility that the Lions will see in Turner Gill.

The Nittany Lions defense has been permitting 108 yards on the ground and 220 in the air. Those stats look pale compared to the Nebraska defense which, in two games, have allowed only 95 yards rushing and 96 passing.

With the Cornhuskers averaging 693 total yards in two games (510 in rushing and 183 passing), it becomes very obvious that the Penn State defense has a monumental task. Nebraska isn't ranked No. 2 for nothing in this week's Associated Press poll.

STATE COLLEGE (Pa.) CENTRE DAILY TIMES, Sept. 24, 1982

Tough Test Awaits Lions

By JIM CARLSON

Times Assistant Sports Editor

The way Joe Paterno sees it, his Penn State football team has gotten just what it's paid for.

Through three games the Nittany Lions have passed, passed, passed. Twelve out of the team's 14 touchdowns have been the result of the ball leaving quarterback Todd Blackledge's hand and being aimed toward one of a number of able receivers.

Where does that leave the perennially powerful Penn State rushing game? Especially with second-ranked Nebraska coming to Beaver Stadium tomorrow for a 3:45 p.m. nationally televised showdown, part of which will be played under lights.

"We tried to play our strong suit while we were bringing our offensive line along," Paterno said. "We made up our minds this year we were going to throw the football more. We have a great quarterback, great receivers and quick backs who can catch the ball."

But that is not to say Paterno thinks he has a faulty ground game. "I don't know how much we should expect in running statistics when we're throwing the ball as much as we are. I don't know how far along we are and I won't know until we play a decent football team."

That "decent" team will be on the field tomorrow, garbed in red and white and having in their heads the bitter memories of a 30-24 defeat Penn State inflicted on them one year ago.

The lack of the consistent running game and the fact that Nebraska is ranked second doesn't have Paterno worried, he's merely playing the part of the realist.

"Whether we're strong enough to beat Nebraska, who knows? I don't know if anyone in the country is good enough to beat Nebraska. This may be one of the all-time great teams."

"They've just completely dominated and done anything they've wanted to do against their first two opponents," Paterno continued. "They're devastating, they're an awesome offensive football team."

"There's no way you can figure to stop a Nebraska. You hope for a fumble, a penalty, you hope to guess right a couple times and make them struggle a bit. But they do everything well and you're not going to stop them," he said.

There's no doubt it will be a stern test. But Paterno plans on looking for the needed leadership from his offensive unit. "We have an experienced quarterback whose been through a lot of big games. There's (Pete) Speros, (Kenny) Jackson, (Curt) Warner. We have people who have been around the block and played in big games," he said.

This early in the season, at least, they don't come much bigger.

Husker injuries told

LINCOLN, Neb. — The No. 2 Nebraska football team, which faces No. 5 Penn State in a nationally televised game Saturday at 3:45 p.m. in University Park, practiced yesterday without its top three wingbacks or starting fullback, but Husker Coach Tom Osborne said the injury situation is not yet serious.

Fullback Roger Craig and wingback Irving Fryar, both first-teamers, were held out of the practice session with thigh bruises, but Osborne said both were expected to practice today.

Osborne said backup wingback Shane Swanson and third-team wingback Tom Vergith missed practice, Swanson with a

groin injury and Vergith with a shoulder injury.

The Huskers brought wingback Roger Lindstrom up from the scout squad to fill in for the injured receivers, but Lindstrom hurt his ankle and was forced from the practice field, leaving sophomore Jim Thompson as the only healthy wingback for the Huskers.

What others said:

HERSCHEL NISSENSON, AP: The second-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers set a bunch of records in crushing New Mexico State 68-0 last week, but the only record they're shooting for today is 3-0. Penn State already owns a 3-0 log. "We'll play some great football teams in Penn State and Auburn," NU Coach Tom Osborne says. Nebraska 28-21.

ABE, Allentown Morning Call: Penn State, 21-14. (He was the only Call staffer among 10 predicting the Huskers' downfall.)

JOE McDUFF, Kansas City Star: Penn State suffers from inexperience on defense and that could be a big problem against the Huskers. Penn State is throwing the ball more, but that could also mean more turnovers against a punishing Nebraska defense. Nebraska 24, Penn State 14.

ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL: The last time the Nebraska Cornhuskers played three consecutive road games during the regular season was 1971. Coincidentally, that also was the last time Nebraska won college football's national championship. On Saturday, the Huskers begin a journey that takes them to Penn State, Auburn and Colorado, and if they come home unscathed... who knows?

BILL LYON, Philadelphia Inquirer: The writers' poll says that Washington is No. 1. The coaches' poll says that Pitt is. They both may be wrong. The best college team in the country could be Nebraska. If you believe the numbers, there is no "could be" about it.

THE KICKOFF, Chattanooga: Nebraska power quotient 114.5, Penn State 111.7. Nebraska by 2.8.

AP — Grid Polls — UPI

1. Wash. (25)	2-0-0	1,045	1. Pittsburgh (17) (2-0)	567
2. Nebraska (12) 2-0-0	1,011	2. Nebraska (8) (2-0)	565	
3. Pitt (10)	2-0-0	989	3. Washington (13) (2-0)	562
4. Alabama (8)	2-0-0	945	4. Alabama (4) (2-0)	522
5. Florida	2-0-0	832	5. Penn State (3-0)	387
6. SMU	2-0-0	802	6. Georgia (2-0)	375
7. Georgia	2-0-0	783	7. Florida (2-0)	368
8. Penn State	3-0-0	732	8. Southern Methodist (2-0)	365
9. Arkansas	2-0-0	595	9. Arkansas (2-0)	249
10. Notre Dame	1-0-0	530	10. North Carolina (1-1)	206
11. N. Carolina	1-1-0	489	11. Ohio State (2-0)	180
12. UCLA	2-0-0	474	12. Notre Dame (1-0)	165
13. Ohio State	2-0-0	457	13. UCLA (2-0)	156
14. Arizona State	2-0-0	437	14. West Virginia (2-0)	104
15. West Virginia	2-0-0	268	15. Texas (1-0)	71
16. Miami, Fla.	2-1-0	250	16. Miami (Fla.) (2-1)	43
17. Texas	1-0-0	195	17. Mississippi State (3-0)	42
18. Southern Cal	1-1-0	178	18. Illinois (3-0)	35
19. Illinois	3-0-0	159	19. Boston College (1-0-1)	20
20. Michigan	1-1-0	146	20. Brigham Young (1-1)	17

DES MOINES SUNDAY REGISTER, Sept. 26, 1982

Unbelievable! Penn State nips Huskers in final :04

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UNIVERSITY PARK, PA. — If there ever was a more dramatic finish to a collegiate football game or a comeback more thrilling than that engineered by Penn State Saturday against second-ranked Nebraska, no one who was here would believe it.

College teams aren't supposed to win games in the final four seconds of play. They are not supposed to possess either the poise or the moxie to drive 65 yards for a game-winning touchdown in 74 seconds. On national television, in a packed stadium filled with enough hysteria to warm a Siberian winter.

But in a stunning 27-24 victory over the unbeaten, second-ranked Cornhuskers, who had entered the game as 4½-point favorites, the No. 8 Nittany Lions had what it took.

After a windup like this one, who needs the NFL? Certainly not anyone in the crowd of 85,304.

As if the game needed one additional dollop of drama, the heroes of the piece were, at once, the most logical and the least likely on the field. Respectively, they were quarterback Todd Blackledge and substitute tight end Kirk Bowman.

Until about 7 o'clock Saturday night, when he became the Nittany Lion most likely to be squashed in an end-zone celebration, Bowman had caught a grand total of one pass this season — a 14-yarder from Blackledge that gave Penn State its opening touchdown.

It hardly figured, then, that Bowman would be on the end of the two-yard touchdown pass that Blackledge would complete with :04 showing on the clock or that he would grab the ball off his shoe tops to finish off a 10-play drive.

Blackledge completed five of eight passes for 60 yards in the winning march, and he covered the other five yards on foot.

His heroics were necessitated by mistakes that cost the Lions (4-0) at least one touchdown and by Turner Gill, the quarterback who had taken Nebraska 80 yards to what looked like the game-winning touchdown.

Gill, who completed 16 of 34 passes for 239 yards and a pair of touchdowns, put the Cornhuskers ahead, 24-21, with a one-yard dive over the middle with 1:18 to go.

When the Lions took the ensuing kickoff, a tie seemed almost as implausible as a victory. There was all that distance to cover, for one thing, and there were the difficulties that had visited themselves upon freshman kicker Massimo Manca, for another. Manca, who had made five of six field-goal tries, had missed from 50, 47 and 34 yards Saturday.

There had been other woes for Penn State. Apparent touchdown passes from Blackledge to Kenny Jackson and to Gregg Garrity on the same series had been nullified by illegal-motion penalties. Those lost points loomed more and more ominous as the game wound down.

But Blackledge, who finished with 23 completions in 39 attempts for 295 yards and three touchdowns, put them behind him, engineering the game-winning drive with the poise of a champion.

Among the Penn State plays that succeeded in the frenzy of the final moments were Blackledge passes of 11 yards to Jackson on fourth down and of 15 yards to tight end Mike McCloskey that set up the touchdown.

No Question On TD

Although the television replay suggested that McCloskey might have been out of bounds on the reception that placed the ball at the Nebraska two, there was no question about Bowman's winning catch.

"I caught it about six inches above the ground," he said. "I was concerned that the officials weren't going to call it. I came up with the ball right away to show them that I scored. I was just supposed to get off

the ball and find an open spot behind the linebackers."

"I knew we could take it in for a field goal," Blackledge said later, "but I didn't know if we could take it in for a touchdown. But we got the ball going."

With a little more than 13 minutes left, the Cornhuskers, troubled by Penn State's defense throughout the game, got a 37-yard field goal from Kevin Seibel to close to within 21-17. Penn State, in a practice run for what would come later, came back with a 59-yard march that ate up almost half the time remaining.

The Lions might have put it out of reach at that point, but they lost possession instead, when defensive back Neil Harris made an end-zone interception of a Blackledge pass intended for Garrity.

PHILADELPHIA INQUIRER, Sept. 26, 1982

The best of all time? 'Huskers' claim dies

By BILL LYON



Who's No. 1? Think again

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Jim Tarman, the Penn State athletic director, was strolling through a hotel lobby yesterday morning, when he was accosted by a cornfed Nebraska fan.

"The guy said he had missed only three games in the last 23 years," Tarman related, "and he said this Nebraska squad was the best college football team of all time."

"So I gulped and thought, 'Geez, if he's right, I hope those portable lights break.'"

It is the opinion of those who have made an extensive study of such matters that the best collegiate football team in history was fielded by Nebraska in 1971. That was the undefeated Johnny Rodgers-Rich Glover-Jeff Kinney steamroller that casually cuffed an unbeaten Alabama team in the Orange Bowl, 31-6, to win the national championship.

The coach of those Cornhuskers was Bob Devaney. He is now the athletic director at Nebraska.

"I can go down every position in the lineup for you," Devaney had said yesterday, "and this team is better at this stage — bigger, stronger, faster — than that '71 squad."

On Friday night, Joe Paterno had been asked what would be required of his defense in order for Penn State to avoid total incineration.

"I'd say, if we can hold Nebraska to three touchdowns and a couple of field goals, we've got a chance," he replied.

Uh, that's 27 points, Joe. Were you planning on your quarterback, Todd Blackledge, throwing for four touchdowns, as he had in each of the first three games of the season?

"Four? He might have to have eight," Paterno snorted.

He was only half-kidding.

From the preceding testimony, you probably have gathered that Nebraska's swift and strong legions were held in esteem bordering on outright awe. Nations with nuclear capability get less respect.

The Cornhuskers had only outscored their first two victims by a mere 103 points. Wherever they went, scorched earth was left behind.

But at 7:06, Eastern Daylight Time, last night, with banks of portable lights holding back the September sunset in Happy Valley, Todd Black-

And There Was Light

The turnover came with 6:52 left, and moments later the portable lights that CBS had brought to Beaver Stadium for its telecast went on. The lights, provided by Musco Sports Lighting, Inc., of Oskaloosa, Ia., had gone out early in the third quarter.

Now they illuminated a Nebraska scoring drive that used up 5 minutes 34 seconds. The Cornhuskers marched 80 yards in 13 plays for Gill's go-ahead touchdown. Then came the Lions' last-minute magic.

There had been some magic in the first half, too. Bowman's first touchdown, the opening score of the game, was set up by a dazzling 43-yard pass from Blackledge to tailback Curt Warner. Blackledge sidestepped a Nebraska blitz with the agility of Fred Astaire, and Warner

made a superb catch.

Midway through the second period, Warner picked up his first rushing touchdown of the season when he went in from two yards out.

But Nebraska came back to trail by only 14-7 at the half, Gill ending an 80-yard march with his seventh consecutive pass, this one for a 30-yard touchdown to Irving Fryar, a wingback from Mount Holly, N.J.

Early in the third quarter, Blackledge boosted Penn State's lead to 21-7 when he hooked up with the wraith-like Jackson on an 18-yard scoring pass that capped an 83-yard, seven-play drive.

A little more than six minutes later, Gill brought the Huskers back to within striking distance when he threw a two-yard touchdown pass to running back Mike Rozier.



Allan Lyday

...his vertical leap of 36½ inches is the Huskers' best and his horizontal jump is second only to Irving Fryar. From Wichita, Lyday is one of the best athletes on the Cornhusker squad.

ledge, falling back in the face of a pass rush and throwing off the wrong foot, flipped the ball into the end zone.

Three Nebraska defenders leaped and swatted at the ball, which fluttered toward the painted turf like an autumn leaf. There, a junior tight end named Kirk Bowman, who had never caught a pass in college competition before this game, scooped it up inches above the ground and cradled it against his chest as he fell. When he crash-landed, so did Nebraska.

There were 4 seconds remaining in the game. The score was Penn State 27, Nebraska 24. And the debate over the question of which was the best college football team of all time could be resumed.

"We're good, but, obviously, not the best ever" said Tom Osborne, the Nebraska coach. "It's ridiculous to say that."

Life got hectic and hairy in the final 10 minutes yesterday. Penn State had missed three field goals and had seen two apparent touchdown passes by Blackledge wiped out by penalties. Sure enough, as good teams do when they have been let off the ropes, Nebraska appeared to have pulled this one out.

When quarterback Turner Gill wedged in from a yard out, there was only 1 minute, 18 seconds left, and the Cornhuskers had their only lead of the day, 24-21. Invincible, no. But lucky enough to dodge some bullets and, apparently, good enough to escape with a victory.

For one of those landlocked Penn State teams of the past, it would have been over. But Blackledge crammed 10 plays into 1 minute, 14 seconds, converting a fourth-and-11 yet, and State had a triumph that will fit high up in the memory books.

What did this game mean? It's too early in the season to tell.

Nebraska has been proved mortal, but it's not as if the Cornhuskers had come in at 10-0. They were 2-0.

As for Penn State's standing, obviously, it has shot up markedly. But the Lions still have a brutal gantlet to negotiate, since they are facing the toughest schedule in the country for the second straight year. There are still, among others, Alabama and Notre Dame and West Virginia, all on the road, and Pitt at home.

In the Year of the Quarterback, Blackledge got almost no preseason hype. Even on his own team, he was figured to be no better than the second weapon, behind his roommate, tailback Curt Warner.

But he has had a sizzling September, with 15 touchdown passes in four games, and Paterno, who always has said that he would rather run-run-run, is giving him more and more chances to pull the trigger.

DUBUQUE TELEGRAPH-HERALD Sept. 26, 1982

4 seconds left . . .

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. — Todd Blackledge capped a dramatic, last-ditch 65-yard drive with his third touchdown pass of the game, a 2-yard strike to reserve tight end Kirk Bowman with 4 seconds to play Saturday, to carry fifth-ranked Penn State to a 27-24 victory over second-ranked Nebraska.

The Nittany Lions (4-0) began their winning drive after the Cornhuskers had rebounded from a 14-point deficit to take a 24-21 lead on quarterback Turner Gill's 1-yard run with 1:18 remaining.

A personal foul penalty against Nebraska enabled Penn State to begin the drive at its 35. Blackledge threw a pair of 16-yard completions to Skeeter Nichols and Kenny Jackson and then hit Jackson for 11 yards on a fourth-and-11 situation to move the ball to the Nebraska 23 with 28 seconds left to play.

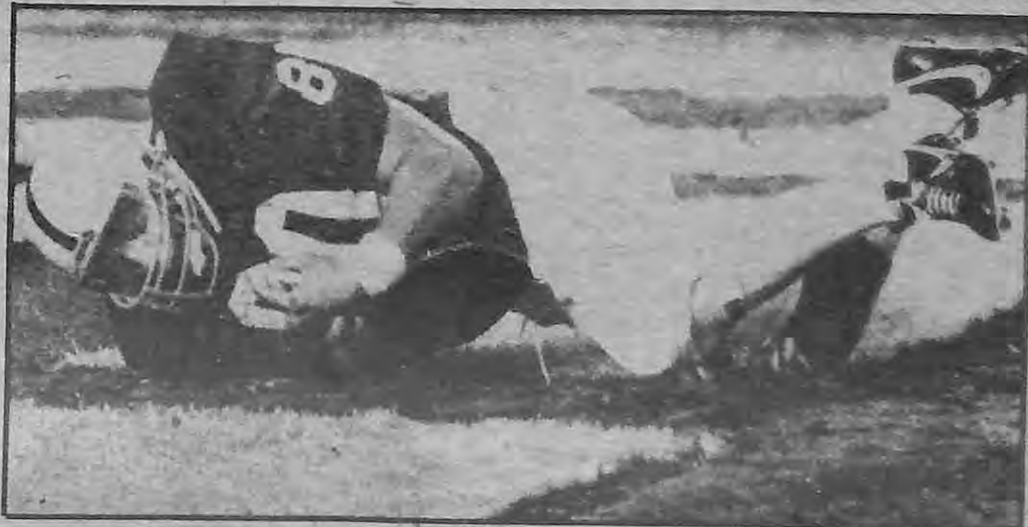
What others said:

DOUG McDONALD, State College (Pa.) Centre Times: Some Nebraska people thought the ball bounced before Kirk Bowman made his heroic catch. Some of the players also questioned the call. One Nebraska writer even called back to his office to see if they could verify whether or not the catch was good. "They told me it was a good catch," the writer said.

DAVE DORR, St. Louis Post-Dispatch: Bowman appeared to have trapped the ball, he was asked if he had thought officials would call the pass incomplete. "Sure," said Bowman, "I caught it about six inches off the ground. But I came up with the ball right away . . ."

RON BRACKEN, State College (Pa.) Centre Times: They (the Nittany Lions) knew what was coming—a half-ton of prime Nebraska beef—all wrapped in plastic and nylon mesh.

Nebraska	0	7	7	10	24
Penn State	7	7	7	6	27
PS—Bowman 14 pass from Blackledge (Manca kick)					
PS—Warner 2 run (Manca kick)					
NU—Fryar 30 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)					
PS—Jackson 18 pass from Blackledge (Manca kick)					
NU—Rozier 2 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)					
NU—FG Seibel 37					
NU—Gill 1 run (Seibel kick)					
PS—Bowman 2 pass from Blackledge (kick failed)					
A—85,304					
	NU	PSU			
First downs	23	30			
Rushes-yards	48-233	41-210			
Passing yards	239	295			
Total yards	472	505			
Return yards	0	13			
Passes	16-34-1	23-39-1			
Sacks by	0-0	1-1			
Punts	3-39	2-38			
Fumbles-lost	3-2	3-2			
Penalties-yards	4-35	3-15			
Time of Possession	30:13	29:47			



HMMM. Did he or didn't he? Looks like Penn State tight end Kirk Bowman didn't have the ball on that controversial touchdown catch that beat Nebraska 27-24 Sept. 25. (Photo reprinted from State College, Pa. Centre Daily Times).

Kirk Bowman Catch Climaxes Penn State Win Over Nebraska

By RONNIE CHRIST
Staff Writer

UNIVERSITY PARK — Kirk Bowman's shoetop catch of a two-yard pass completed one of the greatest comebacks in Penn State football history Saturday and gave the Lions a 27-24 victory over Nebraska before a record 85,304 Beaver Stadium fans and a national TV audience.

There were only four seconds

left in the game when Todd Blackledge looped a pass over the blitzing Cornhuskers to complete a two-minute drill that pro teams would envy.

It was a play called "41 Chute" and it was the same play the Lions had called on the first TD pass of the game to the junior from Mechanicsburg.

A personal foul call on the kickoff gave the Lions possession

at their own 35 with 1:18 to go.

"I told the team in the huddle that we had done it in practice and we could do it now," said Blackledge, who completed 23 of 39 passes for 295 yards and three TDs. "No one lost his poise. That was the key."

A GREAT BLOCK by Pete Speros enabled Skeeter Nichols to get loose for 16 yards on a screen. Blackledge then hit Kenny Jackson at midfield. On 4th down, Blackledge hit Jackson at the 34. Then he found Mike McCloskey at the two.

Bowman's clutch grab gives the Lions a 4-0 record and two weeks to prepare for Alabama.

This was a game in which Penn State erased the doubts. The offensive line CAN block. The defense CAN tackle. And the Lions CAN play in the same league as the big boys from the Big Eight.

THERE WAS enough action in this game to make a fan forget about pro football. The two teams finished the first game ever played under lights here with a total of 977 yards.

Bowman's heroics turned defeat into victory at a time when it looked like Penn State had wasted one of its finest efforts.

Nebraska had turned an intercepted pass, the only mistake Blackledge made, into a 24-21 lead, its first of the game.

Penn State had just got a first down at the Nebraska 21 and appeared ready to put the Huskers away. Everybody in the stadium expected the Lions to run to use up time. Instead, Blackledge threw into the end zone for Gregg Garrity and Nebraska intercepted.

Michael Kelly

Sports Editor

OMAHA WORLD-HERALD
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seconds to play. Penn State won, 27-24, and Blackledge now has an incredible 15 touchdown passes in four games.

"It was a great football game from the spectator standpoint," Husker Coach Tom Osborne said. "We just never did stop Penn State and that's a credit to their great offense."

The Nebraska locker room was almost silent.

"It's a tough thing," said center Dave Rimington. "One minute, you're jumping around real happy, and the next minute, the bottom fell out."

The Huskers were unanimous in their admiration for Blackledge. "He's a super quarterback," Rimington said. "Anybody that leads a team like that deserves to win."

And so Nebraska fans' dreams of an undefeated season are gone. The players, too, had talked about going undefeated.

No. 1 Talk a Setup

Osborne was asked about comments by some people that this Husker team might have had a chance to be one of the best ever in college. He has always downplayed such talk.

"I didn't say that," Osborne said. "That was other people that said that. That's the old setup deal. Nobody buys it quicker than our fans. We're a good football team. But the best football team ever, after two games against New Mexico State and Iowa? That's crazy."

It took Nebraska a while to get going Saturday. Penn State owned the first half, scoring two touchdowns and missing three field goal attempts. Two touchdown passes were nullified on penalties in the Nifty Lions' second drive, which ended in a miss field goal.

Nebraska's vaunted offense, which averaged 55 points the first two games, couldn't score until Gill hit Fryar over the middle just before halftime.

But Nebraska proved in the second half that it could throw the ball. And even with the Huskers' talented runners, it might be that the Huskers will continue to pass a lot in the future.

The season still has a lot of fun left in it.

Whose Point of View? Crushing for Huskers, But Glorious for Lions

University Park, Pa.

Joe Paterno was saying, for the second year in a row after beating Nebraska, that there was enough glory in this game for both teams. Indeed, it was a glorious college football game.

For the Nebraska Cornhuskers, it was also crushing.

"It's definitely depressing," quarterback Turner Gill said, hoarse from shouting signals to his teammates. "You can't make mistakes. You have to play four whole quarters, and we only played about two quarters."

Gill had played a magnificent game, passing for a career-high 239 yards. He threw two touchdown passes and scored a third himself.

Just minutes before, he had led a classic Nebraska drive, reminiscent of final drives of the 1970 and 1971 national championship teams against LSU and Oklahoma.

The Huskers had trailed, 21-17. Sophomore defensive back Neil Harris had intercepted a pass in the end zone to give Gill and his mates the ball at their own 20 with 6:52 to play.

Gill Takes Over

Gill went to work.

He handed off to Doug Wilkening for a short gain, and then ran for 4 himself. On a big third-down play, he hit Todd Brown at the NU 37. Then Mike Rozier ran for 5, and Gill hit Jamie Williams with a pass over the middle for 18.

Most of Nebraska probably watched on television, and millions more watched from across the country. The crowd of 85,304 at Beaver Stadium was the largest home crowd in Penn State history, and the biggest ever to watch a Nebraska regular-season game.

Gill threw 11 yards to Mitch Krenk to the Penn State 29, and another first down. Wilkening ran for a yard. Gill threw an incomplete pass, and Nebraska had another big third-down play.

After a third-down play, Gill hit his roommate, Irving Fryar, at the 15. After three more running plays took it to the 1, Gill called his own number and lunged over the goal line, much as Jerry Tagge did against LSU when Nebraska won its first national championship. As far as Husker fans were concerned, there was plenty of glory for both teams at that point, and 24-21 would have been a good final score.

Elation on the Nebraska sideline was matched, no doubt, in living rooms from Omaha to Scottsbluff. But the nation's newest Heisman Trophy candidate, Penn State quarterback Todd Blackledge, wasn't ready to go home yet.

He passed and passed, finally hitting tight end Kirk Bowman for a touchdown with four



Centre (Pa.) Daily Times photo/Pat Little

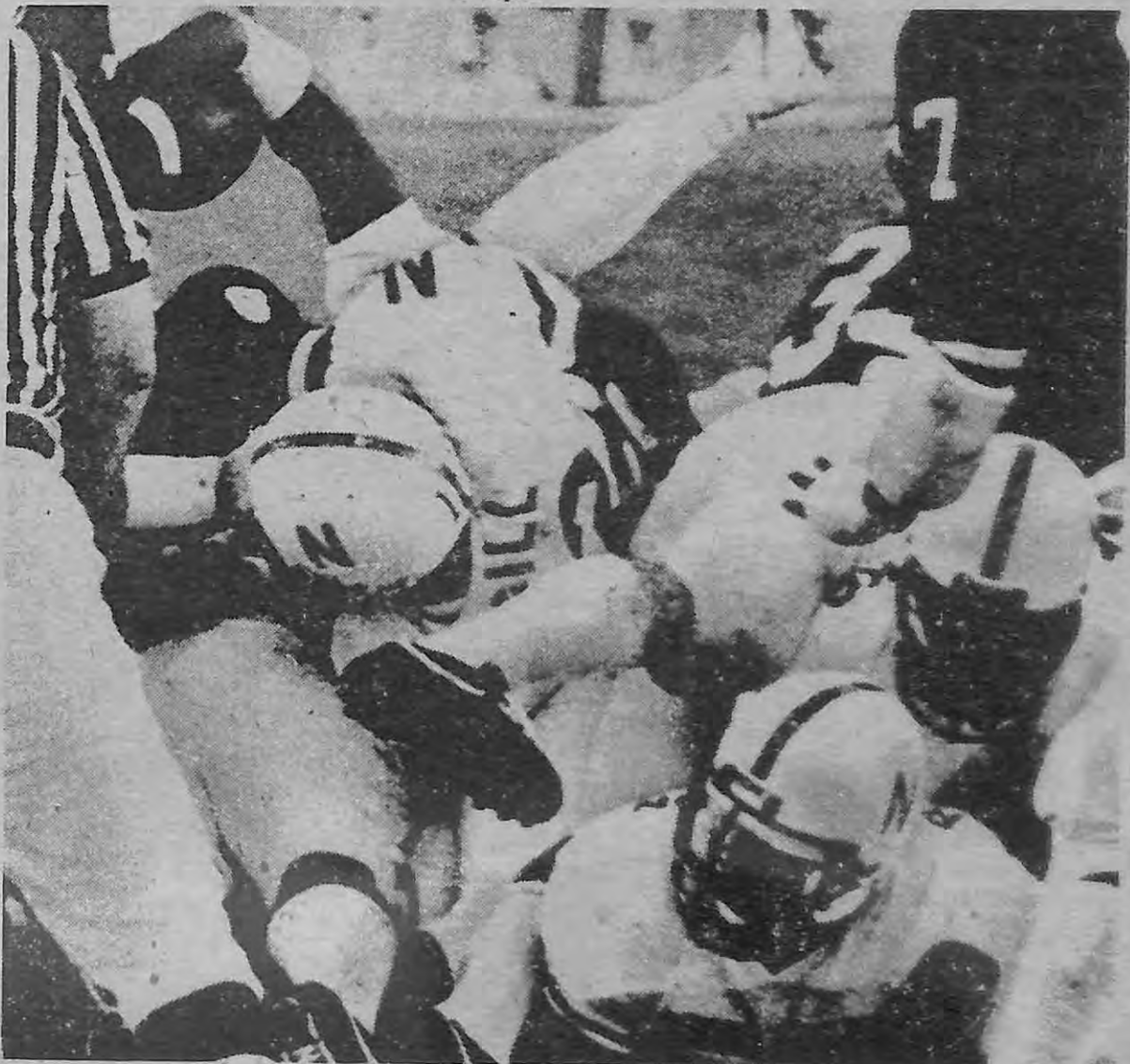
QUITE AN OBSTACLE. Nebraska quarterback Turner Gill manages to get a pass over the outstretched arms of Penn State defensive tackle Greg Gattuso. Result was a number three ranking in the next AP poll.

What they said:

JOHN FLYNN, Pittsburgh Post Gazette: To say the Lions began their winning drive on a prayer in a 27-24 victory over the Nebraska Cornhuskers would be correct. To himself, Penn State quarterback Todd Blackledge said he quoted a verse from the Bible. "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." He then drove the Lions through artificial light to a first-down at the Nebraska 2. The miracle was the falling catch of an under-thrown toss by tight end Kirk Bowman.

ALBUQUERQUE JOURNAL: Penn State coach Joe Paterno was almost a prophet. If Nebraska scored three touchdowns and two field goals, Penn State would win. Nebraska scored three touchdowns and one field goal as eighth-ranked Penn State beat the second-ranked Cornhuskers 27-24, on a 2-yard touchdown pass with eight seconds remaining. Nebraska gained 472 yards, 233 rushing and 239 passing. Penn State ran for 210 and 295 passing for 505. "Naturally, I'm delighted," Paterno said. His team got a big break on a 15-yard personal foul penalty that helped fuel the final Penn State TD drive.

STATE COLLEGE (Pa.) CENTRE TIMES: Throw away the record book, and the thesaurus and maybe even the dictionary in trying to describe yesterday's thrill-a-minute Penn State victory over a stubborn Nebraska team before the largest crowd ever to see a football game in Beaver Stadium. The game was, quite simply, a classic, one of those memorable events about which a generation hence those who attended will boast, "I was there." The victory was made all the sweeter because it was so nearly lost, when the Cornhuskers took the lead with just over a minute to go in the contest. But the Nittany Lions maintained the poise they had shown throughout the game and marched down the field for a touchdown, shattering Nebraska's briefly raised hopes.



Omaha World-Herald photo

HOW SWEET AND BRIEF IT IS. Nebraska goes ahead! It's Turner Gill, curling the football in his right hand and punching into the end zone as the

Huskers forge into the lead at 24-21. The joy was short-lived, however, as Penn State roared back with the points to win before its record crowd of 85,304.

MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER, Oct. 1, 1982.

O'Neal aims 'pulverizing' blocks at Nebraska

By PHILLIP MARSHALL
Advertiser Sports Editor

Fate and the Nebraska Cornhuskers dealt Ron O'Neal a cruel blow last season.

He learned one of life's hardest lessons, that fame is indeed a fleeting thing.

O'Neal was the talk of the Southeastern Conference a year ago. The 5-foot-9, 250-pound bowling ball of a fullback was averaging more than 100 yards a game.

He'd waded through TCU, Wake Forest and Tennessee defenders with amazing ease. He was the bright spot in a dismal 1-2 Auburn start.

Within a matter of weeks, O'Neal was a second-teamer. "What's wrong with O'Neal?" was a question Auburn head coach Pat Dye had to deal with every week. There was talk that the sudden notoriety had gone to his head.

It all started when Auburn went to Nebraska and dropped a 17-3 decision. O'Neal had nowhere to run on that wet afternoon. He couldn't even make 30 yards and suffered a leg injury that would nag him the rest of the season.

The whispers continued through the season, through Spring practice and into the fall.

"I heard the talk, but I didn't pay any attention to it," O'Neal says. "If you let talk like that get you down, you're in trouble."

"If you listen to that stuff, you get down on yourself. And once an athlete gets down on himself, he can't perform as well as he should. I just kept working and trying to get better."

It's Nebraska time again. The Cornhuskers visit Jordan-Hare Stadium Saturday at 1:30 p.m. But they'll find a different Auburn team and a different O'Neal waiting for them.

The Tigers are 3-0 and fresh off a 24-14 victory over Tennessee. O'Neal doesn't have the gaudy numbers of a year ago — he has gained 93 yards on 27 carries and



Auburn fullback Ron O'Neal

...he says Tigers will be ready to give their best when Nebraska comes to town

scored one touchdown.

O'Neal isn't looking for a pile of yards against Nebraska, either. He says he'll be content to do his job and let halfbacks Lionel James and Bo Jackson pile up the yards.

O'Neal has no trouble recalling that visit to Lincoln.

"I do have a lot of memories of Nebraska," he says.

"I look forward to playing them again. I hope to have a better game this time."

Dye is one who isn't paying much attention to O'Neal's running statistics. He says his fullback is playing the best football of his career, much better than a year ago.

O'Neal has turned into a pulverizing blocker.

In Auburn's 21-19 victory over Southern Mississippi, O'Neal had seven knockdowns in what Dye said was the best game of his career. Then in the win over Tennessee, he had nine clean knockdowns.

He also had his best running game, including a 17-yard sprint that set up Auburn's go-ahead field goal late in the first half.

"I think now I'd rather block than run. If I have a chance to score a touchdown, then I'll score a touchdown, but I just want to do whatever will help."

Even as Auburn neared its season opener against Wake Forest, questions persisted about O'Neal. There was doubt about his academic eligibility for a while. But he made his grades and kept on plugging.

"I think I'm a much better football player than I was last year," O'Neal said. "Just my attitude about the game is better. I take more pride in being an all-around football player."

O'Neal had finished celebrating the win over Tennessee last Saturday. There'd been singing and whooping and hollering, but now he was thinking about Nebraska.

"This team can be as good as it wants to be," he said. "I think we have unlimited potential."

"Just look around this room. There's not one player on this team who isn't ready to go into that game and give it everything he's got. We know we can win."

TIGER NOTES: Auburn went through final preparations Thursday with a non-contact final review session.

Dye emphasized that the defense must shoulder a big burden if the 20th-ranked Tigers are to beat the eighth-ranked Cornhuskers.

"Like I've already said, this Nebraska team is one of the best in the country and we will have to have a great game from every one of our kids, especially on defense, to be able to stay close to them," Dye said.

The game is a sellout, the second in a row for Auburn. A crowd of more than 73,000 is expected.

Cornhuskers Make Rare Trip To South

OPELIKA-AUBURN NEWS, Oct. 1, 1982

Auburn-Nebraska Draws Nation's Attention

By WILLIAM R. BARNARD
AP Sports Writer

The Nebraska Cornhuskers, who traveled East last week and lost to Penn State in the final seconds, take the road South Saturday, this time to meet Auburn.

It will be the eighth-ranked Huskers' first regular-season trip to the Deep South since 1978, when they lost a 20-3 decision to that year's eventual national champion, Alabama.

Against No. 3 Penn State, which is idle this week, Nebraska finally succumbed to the passing of

quarterback Todd Blackledge, who has thrown 15 touchdown passes in four games this season. In contrast, Auburn has broken into the rankings in the 20th spot with a sparkling running attack.

After last week's 24-14 victory over Tennessee, their third straight triumph this year, the Tigers were No. 3 in the nation with 335 yards rushing per game.

That will present problems for Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne, but his worries are no greater than those of Auburn Coach Pat Dye because Nebraska is first in the nation in

rushing with 417 yards per game and first in total offense with 619.

"They really don't have a weakness," Dye said of Nebraska. "They have a strong offensive line and perhaps the strongest center in college football ever (Dave Rimington). They have two great running backs and great receivers and a quarterback who can get the ball to them. We're scratching our heads trying to figure what to do to slow them up a little bit."

Dye said, Nebraska quarterback Turner Gill "is probably in the Top 10 in the nation as far as skill and

ability."

Countering Nebraska's 1-2 rushing tandem of Roger Craig and Mike Rozier are Auburn running backs Bo Jackson and Lionel James, who are averaging nearly 200 yards per game between them. All of the Tigers' runners are averaging 5.7 yards per carry.

Dye gives a lot of credit for Auburn's tremendous improvement on offense to 6-foot-6, 266-pound junior David Jordan.

"I think we have progressed to this point a lot quicker than people thought we would," Jordan said.

"For that matter, we may even have surprised ourselves a little bit. We are really proud of what we've been able to do so far. Our backs are congratulating us more after each game and that's nice. Usually the only people who watch us or care about us are our mamas and the coaches."

"Auburn is going to be awfully tough, which we knew all along," Osborne said. "We've just got to put the Penn State loss behind us and concentrate on Auburn."

In one other game pairing two teams in the Top 20, No. 14 West Virginia will be at No. 2 Pittsburgh.

What they said:

GREG BAILEY, Gadsden Times: The head-on matchup between Auburn nose guard Dowe Aughtman and Nebraska center Dave Rimington symbolizes what the Tigers' football team will be up against when it hosts the Cornhuskers. "It will be the case of the best center ever to play college football (Rimington) against a really good football player (Aughtman), who will be fighting his guts out to survive," said Auburn coach Pat Dye at his weekly press conference.

MOBILE REGISTER: This year's Auburn start is the best since 1974. That team defeated Texas, 27-3, in the Gator Bowl. Auburn coach Pat Dye says: Your competition has a lot to do with how you look, and we really don't know if we've got a good football team or not. We're going to find out. The Cornhuskers are coming off a 27-24 loss to Penn State.

PERRY BALLARD, Opelika-Auburn News: It's a case of an established program going up against a hungry, growing one. Nebraska has already attained its spot in national prominence. If Nebraska plays poorly, it could be a long trip for the Huskers.

MONTGOMERY ADVERTISER: NU athletic director Bob Devaney will either get to crow or eat crow. He will be guest speaker at the Montgomery Quarterback Club just three days after Auburn plays the Cornhuskers.

Sports Encore?

OPELIKA-AUBURN NEWS, Sept. 30, 1982

Dorminey Needs Another Good Game Against NU

By PERRY BALLARD
Sports Editor

Auburn's 17-3 loss to Nebraska last season in cold, rainy Lincoln doesn't bring back many fond memories for the Tigers. But it does for Mark Dorminey—even in defeat.

Dorminey had one of the greatest individual games ever by an Auburn defensive back when the Tigers travelled to the midwest last season to take on the Huskers.

IN FACT, AFTER Dorminey had made 10 solo tackles, 11 assists, and had broken up a pass that led to an interception, secondary coach Bobby Wallace called it the best performance he'd ever seen by a defensive back.

The Huskers saw a lot of Dorminey that day. He hopes they see as much of him Saturday, when the 8th-ranked Nebraska visitors challenge the 20th-ranked Tigers.

"If we're going to win somebody is going to have to step out and have a really great game," Dorminey says.

The challenge is clear-cut. Nebraska comes in as the top offensive team in the country, averaging 617 yards a game. The Tigers have never faced a more potent foe, capable of scoring in so many ways.

"Nebraska has such a talented team.

They can hurt us running or passing. We will have to play our best game of the year in order to have a chance to win," the free safety said.

THE NEBRASKA CONTEST of '81 thrust Dorminey squarely into the spotlight as one of the Tigers' most dependable defensive players. It was one of the reasons why he got a lot of recognition before this year.

"That game was probably the turning point in my career," said Dorminey, who up until 1981 had been hampered by a number of injuries. "I'd played okay the first three weeks, but I needed that game to prove to myself—and to the coaches—that I could play. I know they had their doubts about me since I hadn't played much."

"It did a lot for me, personally, and it did a lot for their faith in me."

Dorminey and the rest of Auburn's secondary will have to be on their toes against a Nebraska offense that is capable of throwing the home run ball with quarterback Turner Gill and his favorite receiver, Irving Fryar.

The Huskers are also a physical offensive team. But Dorminey likes it that way.

"I'd rather play against a physical team.

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Sports Editor

Big Chance For AU

THE EYES OF THE NATION will be on Auburn Saturday, and that's the way Pat Dye thinks football should be on the Plains.

Dye's been seeking some national recognition for his program since he came here less than two years ago, and there's no better way to get that than playing a perennial power, Nebraska. And beating the favored Huskers? Well, that's another matter.

Nobody has to tell Dye what a win over the visiting Huskers would do. Not only would it boost Auburn's national ranking, it might send the Tigers' confidence sky-rocketing. And it would likely send Auburn winging to its best football start since 1974.

Auburn has achieved one of Dye's goals this season by going 3-0 and starting the conference season off on the right track against Tennessee last weekend. But the true test of the Tigers' worth comes against Nebraska, a team that is still considered by many the most talented in the country despite last week's controversial loss to Penn State.

The opportunities are great for Auburn. The Tigers have never hosted a non-conference team of such stature. Auburn rarely plays a team the caliber of Nebraska. And Auburn has a chance to take that one victory that might thrust it squarely into the national picture. Only last week, the Tigers edged into the nation's elite, cracking the top 20 for the first time in over two years.



It's a disaster for the Tigers

BIRMINGHAM NEWS, Oct. 3, 1982

By Charles Hollis
News sports writer

AUBURN — A curious thing happened Saturday afternoon in Jordan-Hare Stadium.
Nebraska 41, Auburn 7.

This, by the way, is no Auburn joke. This was the real thing. As in red faces, the sky's falling and wait'll next week. Laying all the chips on the table, it was an embarrassment in the first degree.

Nebraska 41, Auburn 7.
Come to think of it, maybe it was an Auburn joke after all.

This was Super Saturday in the Loveliest Village — Nebraska vs. Auburn. Biggest non-conference game in the history of Auburn football, some said.

This was Auburn University, unbeaten (3-0), ranked No. 20 in the nation and on the threshold of something great as it lined up against the Nebraska Cornhuskers (2-1), perennial national power and No. 8 in the polls.

Everybody was here, too. Well, 73,900, anyway, just the third-largest campus crowd in history and the largest to ever see a non-conference game.

This was it, folks. The chance of a lifetime for a program on the mend from back-to-back 5-6

Nebraska 41, Auburn 7		
Nebraska	7	7 7 20-41
Auburn	7	0 0 0-7
Neb—Wilkening 15 run (Seibel kick)		
Aub—Jackson 4 run (Del Greco kick)		
Neb—Brown 58 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)		
Neb—Rozier 2 run (Seibel kick)		
Neb—Rozier 12 run (Seibel kick)		
Neb—Schellen 41 run (Seibel kick)		
Neb—Brungardt 13 run (kick failed)		
A—73,900		
Nebraska Auburn		
First downs	31	13
Rushes-yards	68-342	43-171
Passing yards	162	116
Return yards	13	18
Passes	19-10-1	11-07-1
Punts	2-51	4-43
Fumbles-lost	4-2	3-3
Penalties-yards	3-45	3-15
Time of Possession	36:44	23:16

seasons and two years of NCAA probation (1979-80) to do some strutting.

So, what happens on Super Saturday?

A super disaster.

"In my wildest dreams," said free saftey Mark Dorminey, "I never would have imagined a score like that. We thought we had a better football team than this. It's embarrassing."

Just how embarrassing is right there in black and white:

- First downs: Nebraska 31, Auburn 13.
- Yards rushing: Nebraska 342, Auburn 171.
- Total offense: Nebraska 404, Auburn 287.
- Time of possession: Nebraska 36 minutes, 44 seconds, Auburn 23 minutes, 16 seconds.

"There's no need for me to do a lot of talking," said Auburn Coach Pat Dye. "You could see what was taking place on the field out there. It was one of those old-fashioned whippings."

"Right now I don't know how good or how bad we are. I do know Nebraska is the finest football team I've seen. Their defense dominated our offense in the second half. I just hope we're not this bad."

For three quarters, however, it was a horse race. Just before Nebraska tacked on 20 points in the fourth quarter to bring on the rout, the Tigers botched two scoring opportunities to get back in the game.

Trailing 21-7 with five minutes to go in the third period, linebacker Jim Bone collided with Nebraska punt returner Dave Burke and snapper Brian Dulaney recovered at the Cornhusker 13-yard line, setting up scoring opportunity No. 1.

But on the first play from scrimmage running back Lionel James fumbled the ball back to the 'Huskies, spoiling an opportunity to pull within a touchdown.

Still, the Tigers weren't down for the count just yet. Two minutes later Nebraska I-back Mike Rozier gave the ball right back, fumbling at the Auburn 46 to set up scoring opportunity No. 2.

"We botched that one, too," said Dye. "We had our chances."

This one was botched on fourth-and-one at the Nebraska 46 when quarterback Randy Campbell lost the handle on a pitch-out, which was recovered by defensive tackle Rob Stuckey 8 yards deep in the backfield.

"That was probably the turning point for Auburn right there," said Nebraska Coach

Tom Osborne. "That was their last real chance at putting six points on the scoreboard. Our defense came on after that."

The Cornhuskers gave up 201 yards — 138 on the ground — in the first half. But the second half was much different. Nebraska surrendered only six first downs, 33 yards rushing and 53 through the air.

"I told our team at the half that if we let them come out and move the ball after the kickoff, then it would be anybody's game," said Osborne. "Our defense just came of age today. I'm really pleased and surprised to win like we did. I thought it was a 50-50 ball game at the half (Nebraska ahead, 14-7), but then we made some adjustments on defense and everything fell into place."

The Tigers never threatened in the final quarter. They managed just two first downs and 63 yards in total offense.

Nebraska put the game out of reach in the fourth quarter with a 12-yard run by Rozier, a 41-yard run by backup fullback Mark Schellen and a 13-yard run by third-team I-back Tim Brungardt.

Two of the scores came by way of Randy Campbell turnovers — the fumbled pitch-out that led to Rozier's TD run and his first interception of the season, which led to the Cornhuskers' final points.

"Our defense hasn't played that well lately," said Dave Rimington, the 'Huskies' All-America center. "We (the offense) came in here thinking we had to score 35 points, although that's a goal we have every week. After watching films of Auburn and seeing how they move the ball on offense, we just knew we had to score a lot of points."

"I do think we surprised Auburn's defense with how strong and physical we are in the offensive line."

Loss to Cornhuskers makes No. 20 Auburn come down to earth

By CLYDE BOLTON
News sports writer

AUBURN — Astronauts Ken Mattingly and Hank Hartsfield were special guests at the Auburn-Nebraska game Saturday, but those two sons of AU weren't flattered when the Tiger football team imitated them.

That's because it wasn't a blast-off that Auburn performed. Instead, the Tigers came back down to earth.

After beating the likes of Wake Forest, Southern Mississippi and Tennessee, Coach Pat Dye's men happened upon the Nebraska Cornhuskers, fierce plainsmen from real plains who plastered the home team, 41-7.

Auburn's defense, which was being compared to the Great Wall of China in the heat of summer, was assaulted for 504 yards — 342 by land, 162 by air.

"There's no question our football team is 10 to 14 points better off now," Dye said.

By Michael McMullan



Turner Gill races away from 3 Auburn defenders — Scott Riley (92), Chris Martin (43), Bob Harris (28) — and spots a receiver downfield

BIRMINGHAM POST-HERALD, Oct. 4, 1982

'The cookie crumbled today'

By Bill Lumpkin
Post-Herald Sports Editor

AUBURN — In the visitors dressing room underneath Jordan-Hare Stadium Saturday, mild-mannered Tom Osborne prescribed in words a form of mayhem to quiet the antagonism and to put the hosts to rest.

At the time, the third largest audience in the history of Auburn football, 73,900 strong of throat, was relishing in halftime optimism.

The crowd was so hostile, Nebraska center Dave Rimington told writers afterwards, that "They were throwing Tylenol tablets at us."

Pat Dye's young Tigers had practically held their own for two quarters against Nebraska, a recognized contender for the national championship.

The score was 14-7, could easily have been 14-10, if a field goal kick hadn't drifted awry, or 10-7 Auburn, if... if the Cornhuskers hadn't converted a third and 22 into a 58-yard pass completion for a TD with less than four minutes left before intermission.

It was at this point when Osborne, the Nebraska head coach, decided to stop playing charades.

"We told our defensive people at the half that they had to shut down everything Auburn tried on the ground," Osborne said.

Taking such advice to heart, that's just what

Nebraska did in administering a merciful death to Auburn the last two periods.

The final score was 41-7.

"We tried to go outside the first few times," said Clayton Beauford, an Auburn quarterback. "They brought up the free safety and put him on the pitch."

"They took the outside away. They stuffed their linebackers and that cut off the inside."

"I guess we should have tried to pass more."

The overwhelming defeat left no room for Monday second guessing. It was complete, as proven by Auburn's second half rushing total of 51 yards.

"After the first half, the offense felt it was just a matter of time before we got untracked," said Pat Arrington, an Auburn offensive tackle. "But they made some adjustments at the half and they just mangled us."

"It was three downs and punt. That's the way it went. They pinched down on our ends and bounced out to take away the outside. They're good."

"I would say they were the toughest we've faced. I thought Southern Mississippi was tougher up front. So were Georgia and Alabama last year."

"The cookie crumbled today. Maybe it brought us down to earth."

OPELIKA-AUBURN NEWS, Oct. 3, 1981

Osborne Says Husker Defense Key To Win

By ROBERT OWSLEY
O-A News Sportswriter

Nebraska head coach Tom Osborne told it like it is in the coaching profession: "It is easy to be a smart coach when your players do what you tell them to."

Osborne's Cornhuskers did exactly what their head man told them to do in the second half of the 41-7 whipping they laid on Auburn Saturday afternoon at Jordan-Hare Stadium. They lined up and shoved the ball down a passel of Tiger throats.

"OF COURSE WE WERE pleasantly surprised with the way we were able to move the ball on Auburn," Osborne told a large group of writers assembled in the interview trailer after the game. "At the half it was 14-7 and it was still anybody's ball game."

"The key to the win was the way our defense stopped Auburn in the second half. It appeared that Auburn was very tired in the third and fourth quarters."

"It is always very difficult when you play a wishbone team," Osborne added, "we made some adjustments at halftime which kept Auburn from running wide on us."

"Throughout the entire second half we were able to move the ball on them and you can attribute that to the fact that we simply wore them down. Auburn is a much better team than they were when we played them last year in Lincoln — but the game, kinda snowballed and we got a good many more points that I thought we would today."

WHEN ASKED HOW his players felt about taking on Auburn after losing a real heart-breaker to Penn State last week, Osborne observed:

"Our group is not a very emotional one and I really didn't know how they would respond. We had some good practices last week in preparation for Auburn — so you would have to assume they shook off the loss and got ready to play Auburn."

Auburn's defense proves 'paper' Tigers

AUBURN — It was a rather quiet Sunday on the Plain. Almost peaceful and uncomplicated. None of this blood and guts and *let's-find-out-what-we're-made-of* stuff, like I'd imagined.

Nothing like that at all.

It was just another Sunday of life in the slow lane. Practice at 8 a.m. in shorts, films to grade, a movie in the afternoon for some and school work for some others. A real lazy day.

No, Auburn University Coach Pat Dye didn't put his football team through hell for Saturday's embarrassing, 41-7 loss to the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

You know, it probably never even crossed his mind. He's been there before, felt the agony of a disaster and seen the scars. At Wyoming two years ago — his only season there before Auburn beckoned — the Cowboys dropped a 52-17 game to the Air Force Academy, still Dye's worst coaching defeat.

AT LEAST THIS was Nebraska, 1981 Big

Eight champion and ranked eighth in the nation. But that's little consolation on the Plain.

Who would have thought these Tigers, unbeaten (3-0) and ranked 20th before Saturday, would be buried by 34 points?

Who would have thought Auburn's much-heralded defensive team would surrender 41 points in a single game?

Who would have thought this defense would surrender 342 yards on the ground?

On paper, in spring training and in the coaches' minds, this defensive team had as good of personnel and depth as anyone in the country. It stacked up with the Alabamas and Pittsburghs and Georgias. No, it was better than the Georgias.

There were 19 lettermen back on defense, including eight starters and East Carolina transfer Doug Smith, who would step in for graduated Edmund Nelson at defensive tackle without any dropoff at all.

On paper, in spring training and in the coaches' minds, this defense had few weaknesses.

On the field, in the games and in the coaches' minds, something is wrong.

AUBURN'S MUCH TALKED about defense is, well, being talked about. The wave of blue jerseys that seemed to swarm every enemy runner in 1981 has vanished with the summer nights.

In four games the Tigers have allowed 84 points — four more than the offense is scoring — as opponents are averaging 21.0 points per game. In 11 games last season the opposition scored a total of 166 points, an average of 15.1 ppg.

"It's embarrassing how we're playing," said free safety Mark Dorminey, a five-year senior. "Our defense has not played up to preseason expectations. We know we're better than this. We just got cleaned up."

After mediocre performances against Wake Forest (28-10), Southern Mississippi (21-19) and Tennessee (24-14), it was time for the Auburn defense to take its place in the sun.

And nobody in the nation in 1982 does offense better than the Cornhuskers. They came into Auburn leading the country in total offense (619.3), rushing offense (417.7) and tied for second in scoring (44.7).

IT WAS A formidable challenge: the best



Ben Thomas tries in vain to tackle Jeff Smith.

against the best the Tigers could offer. The "paper" Tigers.

Auburn flunked royally.

On first and second downs against Nebraska, the Auburn defense was quite impressive, often unstoppable. But two downs don't stop a high-powered rushing game. It takes three to tango.

Fifteen times the Tigers had the Cornhuskers in the hole — third-and-three, third-and-11 and, once, third-and-22 — and 13 times Nebraska converted.

Thirteen times?

"We got beat in every area," said Defensive Coordinator Frank Orgel. "I don't remember seeing a battle we won all day."

We tried a lot of different things to get penetration, but nothing worked."

It was the third-and-22 conversion — a 58-yard touchdown pass — that lifted the Huskers to a 14-7 lead at the half.

"I'm a little surprised we won by such a large margin," said Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne. "I thought it would be much closer, say a touchdown or 10-point game, but nothing like this."

STILL, WHAT went wrong?

"Maybe we're not as good as our preseason pub says we are," said Dorminey with surprising candor. "What we've got to do is regroup and do some soul-searching."

Nebraska 41 Auburn 7

Most AU fans ever

For the second consecutive weekend, Auburn's Jordan-Hare Stadium was filled to capacity, and Saturday's crowd of 73,900 represented the largest gathering of War Eagles in the history of the world.

Nebraska brought only 2,204 fans, leaving 71,696 seats filled with Tiger fans. It was the third-largest crowd in Auburn history and the largest crowd ever to see a non-conference game on the Plain.

Also on hand were Big Eight Commissioner Carl James, who passed up a conference game between Oklahoma and Iowa State, and scouts from four bowls — the Sugar, Tangerine, Peach and Bluebonnet. It was the second weekend in Auburn for Sugar Bowl President Henry Bodenheimer.

Auburn astronauts

Space Shuttle astronauts Ken Mattingly and Hank Hartsfield were introduced at halftime of the Auburn-Nebraska game and presented framed copies of the Auburn Creed that they took with them on their seven-day voyage around the earth this summer.

Hartsfield was graduated from Auburn in 1954 and Mattingly in 1958.

"It's a unique environment," Mattingly said of Auburn. "I've been around a lot of campuses around the country and I've never run into a place that was quite the same as Auburn."

"I started out in chemical engineering," Hartsfield remembered his undergraduate days, "but after five quarters I decided that I was a disaster in the laboratory, so I switched over to physics and I've never regretted that."

Merrell comes home

Jeff Merrell enjoyed his homecoming Saturday afternoon.

The 6-foot-4, 258-pound middle guard for the No. 8 Nebraska Cornhuskers, who prepped at Butler High of Huntsville, not only enjoyed his team's 41-7 victory over the Tigers but also enjoyed turning in a big game.

"I had a dozen or so family and friends here to watch me and I wanted to play well for them," he said. "First I wanted the team to play well, then I wanted to have a good game."

Merrell, a senior, finished with seven tackles, six unassisted, including three behind the line of scrimmage for minus-8 yards.

His mother, Mrs. Idell Merrell, said her son "did just fine. Oh, my, he was all over Auburn. But I'm glad he didn't get hurt."

'Huskers 3, Tigers 0

Nebraska's 41-7 victory over Auburn Saturday kept the Cornhuskers perfect against the Tigers.

Nebraska has now beaten Auburn three times — the first in the 1966 Orange Bowl, 13-7, and last season, 17-3, in Lincoln.

MAJOR-COLLEGE FOOTBALL

Nebraska	41	Southern Cal	38
Auburn	7	Oregon	7
Washington	46	Notre Dame	11
San Diego State	25	Michigan State	3
		North Carolina	41
		Georgia Tech	0
Pittsburgh	16	UCLA	34
West Virginia	13	Colorado	6
		Wichita State	24
		West Texas State	21

KANSAS CITY STAR, Oct. 3, 1982

Huskers make Auburn coach believe

AUBURN, Ala. — Coach Pat Dye of 20-ranked Auburn saw enough Saturday to convince him.

"I don't know how good or bad we are, but Nebraska is the finest football team I've seen," Dye said after the eighth-ranked Cornhuskers buried Auburn 41-7 with a four-touchdown onslaught in the second half.

Turner Gill, directing the nation's top offensive machine, put Nebraska ahead to stay with a 58-yard touchdown pass in the second quarter and Mike Rozier scored two second-half touchdowns as the Huskers turned the game into a rout.

"I'm really pleased and surprised to win like we did today," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said. "I thought it was a 50-50 game at the half. I think a key for the game was that our defense played a better second half."

Despite the bigger margin than last year's 17-3 victory over Auburn, Osborne said the Tigers were a better team now.

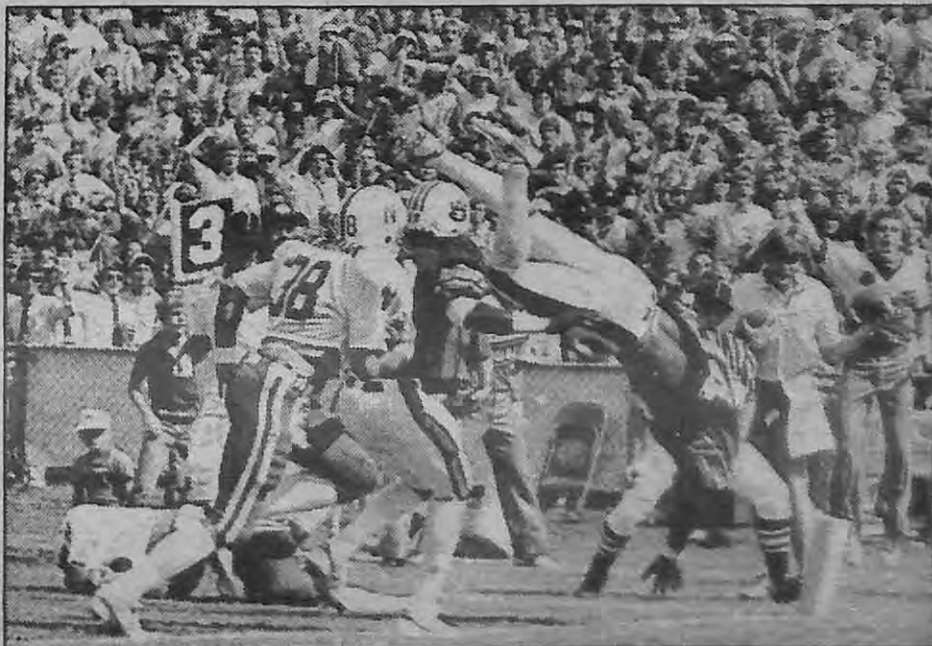
"They had the capability to play us even and the score should have been something like 21-10 or 21-14, but we just wore them down," Osborne said.

Dye said, "There's no need for me to do a lot of talking. You could see what was taking place on the field out there."

Gill's long touchdown pass came with 3 minutes, 32 seconds left in the first half and went to Todd Brown, who made the reception at the Tiger 20 behind Auburn defender David King.

The victory was the third in four games for the explosive Cornhuskers, who suffered a last-minute 27-24 setback at Penn State last week.

Rozier red on run of 2 at 12 y



POUNDED TO THE GROUND is the feeling Auburn player must have had as Nebraska buried Auburn 41-7 on Saturday.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, Oct. 8, 1982

Nebraska's Wilkening eyes 'homecoming'

By MIKE MADIGAN
News Staff

It was four years ago that Doug Wilkening left the state of Colorado — a turn-coat to some; too slow to play at Nebraska to others; but, the leading high school rusher in Colorado in 1978 with 2,034 yards. Nobody could take that away from him.

In Wilkening's own opinion, "I've been here four years and I really haven't done anything."

But that isn't true. Not if playing most of the game against Penn State before 85,000, being a part of a national championship contender, and returning to your home state as No. 7-ranked Nebraska's possible starting fullback counts for anything.

And those are all things, Wilkening ad-



Doug Wilkening

mitted this week, he needed to keep himself going in Lincoln and not come home maybe long before this.

"It's hard for me to grasp it all," said the fourth-year junior, "but a national championship, all that, that's what I've been hoping for ever since coming here. It gives you some real extra motivation when you get down. When the coaches start getting on you for stuff."

"I don't think I could play every week where we were losing every week. That might be one of the problems CU has had with a lot of people quitting — you work hard and don't get any reward. I think I'd have a hard time doing that, too."

Wilkening's remarks couldn't have been more timely or intriguing than during this week, after two Colorado starters were suspended for Saturday's game for disciplinary reasons. Somehow, players at Nebraska or Notre Dame, "big-time players," are never thought of as encountering the same troubles as those at Kansas maybe or, lately, Colorado.

His first year at Nebraska the former Columbine High star, of course, mostly sat. He carried the ball five times.

In 1980 he endured another Nebraska tradition; he was red-shirted.

Last season, even though he became the Cornhuskers' No. 2 fullback behind Phil Bates, he carried only 19 times for 111 yards. And he didn't play in Nebraska's 59-0 win over CU because of a pulled hamstring.

Then last spring, with Bates graduated, Wilkening won a starting job. But only to find come summer that Coach Tom Osborne had taken Nebraska's I formation offense back to the drawing board to try and equip it with dual exhausters — Mike Rozier and Roger Craig, who never appeared in a game at the same time last season and gained 2,003 yards between them.

Rozier has started the season much like he ended the last one, picking up 450 yards on 75 carries (sixth in the nation) in Nebraska's first four games. Craig, though, has been hampered by a bruised thigh the last two weeks and so Wilkening is getting his chance. In last week's 41-7 win over Auburn the 6-2, 215-pounder carried nine times for 60 yards and scored his second college touchdown.

"He's played very well," Osborne said of Wilkening. "His role has been a little bit confined because of Roger Craig ... In a sense, Doug is the starting fullback and Roger is alternating at I-back and fullback. I don't even know which one will start (against Colorado), but Doug will probably play two-thirds of the game."

"I sure hope they let me play a lot. I hope to start, too," said Wilkening. "My mom and my brother are going to the game along with some friends. All together I guess there will be about 22 people there to see me play."

Rozier and Craig, if he plays, will still get most of the carries.

"I don't think I even compare with those guys carrying the ball," said Wilkening. "I play where I can play. That's mostly what the fullback's job is — the I-back follows us and we just knock somebody out of there."

"I don't mind. I'm really excited. It's what I've been wanting for a while. I've always wanted to play in front of my friends."

Just to reassure them that Doug Wilkening going to Nebraska has been OK.

DENVER POST, Oct. 9, 1982

McCartney Heaps Praise on Nebraska

By MICHAEL KNISLEY
Denver Post Sports Writer

BOULDER — University of Colorado coach Bill McCartney wants to beat Nebraska this afternoon in the very worst way.

Make no mistake about that.

But this rivalry between the Buffs and the Cornhuskers that McCartney is attempting to create is by no means the product of a hate relationship.

"We have the greatest respect for Nebraska," McCartney said. "They're a class outfit. They're everything that's good in college football. Their coach (Dr. Tom Osborne) is an honest man with a great amount of integrity."

"We're proud to play them and we're proud to have them in our conference. The Nebraska people can be proud in

knowing that their program is all that's good in college football."

Translated, that means that the seventh-ranked Cornhuskers are all the Buffs want to be; and the best way to get there, according to McCartney, is to beat Nebraska.

Colorado, though, hasn't been able to do that since 1967. When the two teams kick off this afternoon at 1:30 in Folsom Field, it will have been 15 years since the Buffs were a winner against the Cornhuskers.

The odds against that streak's ending today are overwhelming. Nebraska is a 30-point favorite, and that line was established before the Buffs lost three starters to injuries and disciplinary actions this

week. Colorado will play without starting middle guard George Smith (knee surgery on Friday), starting defensive tackle Mark Washington (discipline) and starting offensive guard Calvin Beaty (discipline).

Despite the odds, though, Osborne insists his team won't take the Buffs lightly.

"Bill has them playing very aggressively," Osborne said. "Their defense has played quite well, although it appears that they've been put at a disadvantage at times in terms of field position. We think they're a very dangerous opponent, and they're going to give it all they've got."

McCartney has never coached against Nebraska, but he isn't entirely unfamiliar with what the Huskers do. For the last couple of years, the Colorado coach has

been a guest speaker at Nebraska's football clinics, and through them has come to know the staff and the system in Lincoln.

McCartney knows enough about the Huskers to know they are very, very good.

"They have perhaps the best talent in the nation, offensively," he said. "They have great talent at every position. I have great respect for them, but I don't fear them."

Nebraska's offense, through a 3-1 start, has averaged 590.5 yards per game, well above the NCAA season record of 566.5 yards per game set by Oklahoma in 1971. The Huskers are averaging 398.8 yards per game on the ground. The Buffs take a 1-3 mark into the game, the Big Eight Conference season opener for both teams.

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, Oct. 8, 1982

CU tries 'spirited' approach

McCartney's battling case of 'Husker fever'

By MIKE MADIGAN
News Staff

On Monday, the Colorado football team donned new "Buffs Beat Huskers" T-shirts.

On Tuesday, the locker room was wallpapered with literally hundreds of "Beat The Huskers" posters from an elementary school contest organized by the CU football staff.

A calm Wednesday, nothing unusual in Boulder. The coaching staff must have run out of red crayon.

But Thursday night, a good old-fash-

ioned campus bonfire. Old-fashioned meaning no anti-anything speeches.

A Friday afternoon "Cornhusk Roast."

A Saturday morning pep talk from '61 and '67 CU team members — the last Buffalos to beat the Huskers.

And on Saturday afternoon ... Poof! It's all Head Coach Bill McCartney's plan to turn the Buffalos into Nebraska-beaters at the strike of 1:30 at Folsom Field.

McCartney hasn't just gotten caught up in the spirit of college football, a spirit that hasn't moved Colorado's players or students in some time. This week he's become a Blue-and-Gold, Nebraska-baiting, ornery, Colorado mountain man (he's renamed CU the Alferd E. Packer Defense) intent on picking a fight, a fair football fight, with the No. 7 team in the country.

As McCartney and his coaches have put it in door-to-door dormitory pep talks: "Colorado really doesn't have a natural rivalry with anybody in the Big Eight. So we're picking Nebraska. From now on, they're our rival."

Sitting behind the big oak desk he inherited along with the unenviable record of having lost to Nebraska the last 14 games in a row, CU's determined first-year coach explained why. Why pick Nebraska?

"We've got to get this campus jumpin'," he said. "If we were 2-2 (instead of 1-3) it would be a lot easier. If we're going to have a philosophy for success at this school what this program needs is a big victory. To help recruiting, to help everything."

"What we have to do is get these guys to go way beyond themselves and give that effort."

McCartney is demanding just that of his team, even in the face of their being told daily they are 30-point underdogs and have lost three starting linemen (middle guard George Smith will undergo knee surgery

Friday) this week.

He admitted, "To play all out, give everything, that's risky stuff. You've got to get some return on your investment — whether it's how you love a woman or whatever. It's risky stuff. That disappointment ... you can start to feel like you never want to give that much again."

"That's why we've got to get this team jacked! Jacked up!"

Pausing, distracted by his own intensity, McCartney seemed to re-focus on the room. Realizing what he'd said and what he'd done he smiled and said to no one in particular: "Why am I standing up?"

The Top 20

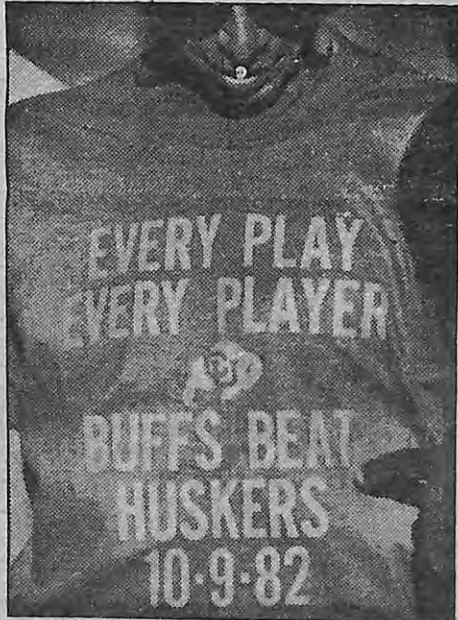
Associated Press

Writers' Poll

First-place votes and records in parentheses. Points based on 20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 for first through 20th place.

	Points	Rating
	Sept. 28	
1. Washington (28) (4-0)	1,082	1
2. Pittsburgh (15) (4-0)	1,057	2
3. Penn State (9) (4-0)	1,039	3
4. Alabama (3) (4-0)	958	5
5. Georgia (1) (4-0)	910	6
6. Southern Methodist (4-0)	824	7
7. Nebraska (3-1)	755	8
8. UCLA (1) (4-0)	745	9
9. Arkansas (4-0)	655	10
10. Notre Dame (3-0)	582	11
11. Arizona St. (5-0)	551	13
12. North Carolina (3-1)	537	12
13. Texas (3-0)	387	15
14. Florida (3-1)	332	4
15. Southern Cal (3-1)	331	16
16. West Virginia (3-1)	281	14
17. Miami (Fla.) (4-1)	278	17
18. LSU (3-0)	270	18
19. Boston College (3-0-1)	172	18
20. Illinois (4-1)	93	—

Rocky Mountain News photo by Steve Groer



Buff light a fire for Nebraska

A crowd of about 600 University of Colorado students and football fans gather in the parking lot outside CU football practice field Thursday night for an old-fashioned bonfire and pep rally. The CU football squad is preparing for a major Big Eight test against powerful Nebraska Saturday in Boulder.

DENVER POST, Oct. 10, 1982

Buff's Rally Fizzles; Huskers Win

By MICHAEL KNISLEY
Denver Post Sports Writer

BOULDER — Bill McCartney and the University of Colorado found a few things Saturday afternoon against Nebraska in Folsom Field.

Offense.
A passing game.
And respectability.

The Buffs, though, didn't find what they were looking for, a victory in the Big Eight Conference season opener. Nebraska took that away from them in the fourth quarter, scoring three touchdowns in the last 8:26 of the game and escaping with a 40-14 win.

Until those final, critical touchdowns, Colorado had a chance to score an upset against the seventh-ranked Cornhuskers. The Buffs trailed by only six points, 20-14, at the end of three pe-

riods, and had Nebraska deep in their own territory.

But the Cornhuskers, who lead the nation in rushing offense and total offense, did what they do best at that point, grinding out a 91-yard, 16-play scoring drive. Two interceptions in the late stages set up Nebraska's last two touchdowns and kept the Buffs losers for the fourth time this season.

The interceptions ruined what otherwise was a perfect day for Colorado quarterback Randy Essington. Essington rattled Nebraska with an impressive passing game, setting school records in the following categories:

✓ Single-game passing yards. His 361 yards against the Cornhuskers bettered the 359 he passed for last season against Texas Tech.

✓ Single-game completions. His 24 successful passes bettered the 22 he completed against Brigham Young last

season.

✓ And single-game attempts. His 51 passes were more than the 37 Gale Weidner threw against Nebraska back in 1959.

But none of the records was enough to stop the Cornhuskers, whose potent running game racked up 446 yards. Tailback Mike Rozier rushed for 212 of them and scored two of Nebraska's five touchdowns.

"I wanted to win," McCartney said. "I didn't want to just play with them. I wanted to win. I didn't feel any consolation that we were in the game with them. Once we were there, I wish we'd done the things we needed to do."

Until Nebraska's 91-yard drive and Essington's late interceptions, it appeared that investment might pay off. The Cornhuskers led 20-0 at halftime, but Colorado erupted for its 14 points and plenty of offense in the third quarter

to make a game of it.

Richard Johnson's second touchdown, this one on a 24-yard run, brought the Buffs within six at 20-14, and the ensuing kickoff was fumbled by Rozier. Rozier fell on it, but Nebraska was at its own 9-yard line, 91 yards away.

Sixteen plays later, though, the Cornhuskers had a 26-14 lead, and Essington's aerial game began to disintegrate. On the Buffs' first play after the Nebraska TD, Essington's pass was tipped by Douglas County High School grad Mike Knox, a linebacker, and intercepted by Steve Damkroger. Damkroger returned it to the 11, and Rozier needed only one play to score from there, giving the Huskers a 33-14 edge.

Damkroger got the second interception, too, returning it to the Colorado 48, and Nebraska reserves moved the 48 yards in seven plays for the final score.

DENVER POST, Oct. 10, 1982

Cornhuskers Fans Gladly Turn Red To Show Devotion

By TERRY FREI
Denver Post Sports Writer

BOULDER — Beer in hand, red coat on his back, red hat on his head, Phil McFee was one of about 15,000 Nebraska fans in the sellout crowd at the University of Colorado's Folsom Field Saturday.

What else would he do, for heaven's — and Huskers' — sake? On Saturday in Nebraska, the biggest concern is one of two things: Cornhusker football at home, in Lincoln; or Cornhusker football on the road, as it was Saturday in a 40-14 Nebraska victory over the Buffaloes.

And no one seems to be ashamed to admit it.

"We only have cornfields and football teams," said McFee, a construction worker from Blair, Neb. "That's all we've got. Sometimes, I'm not even sure about the football team."

The University of Nebraska athletic department was allotted 7,500 tickets by C.U. But, judging from the patches of red all over the stadium Saturday, at least that many more Nebraska fans purchased tickets through the mail from C.U.

Like McFee, they weren't hard to spot. They aren't embarrassed to advertise their allegiance on their sleeve — or any other part of their bodies. In the hotel parking lots, they drive the vans that play the Nebraska fight song at the touch of the horn. They make "Husker Illustrated" one of the top-selling magazines in the state.

McFee said he goes to "about four to six" road games every season. "Sure, it's expensive," said McFee, "but it's

my recreation. We don't do anything else."

Les Lindberg, a contractor from Lincoln, said he was in a group of 10 friends who rented a van and were staying in Estes Park through the weekend. "This is kind of a vacation for us," he said. "We go to about half the road games every year."

Ed DeLong of Omaha works for an airline, so he is able to fly to "a couple of the road games every year" relatively inexpensively. "This is our first time out here. We enjoy the crowds and the atmosphere of college football, as well as following the team."

"The thing is, I'm originally from Buffalo. What I found in Nebraska was the enthusiasm. Sure, there's other things, but not as many as you've got here, and the whole state's enthusiastic."

"I moved to Omaha 20 years ago, and it was about five years before it got to me. I didn't really follow college football before I went to a few games at Lincoln, and I was hooked."

"The first road game we went to was in 1969, at Oklahoma. Everywhere we go, the people are super to us. The adult fans are really receptive to the out-of-towners like us."

"We drove back to the Penn State game a couple of weeks ago, and that was real fun. We parked right among the Penn State people, and they had us at their tailgate parties. We treat them the same in Lincoln, I hope."



Steve Damkroger barrels down sidelines after intercepting CU Randy Essington's pass. Damkroger pirated two that day.

TEAM STATISTICS

	NU	CU
First downs	31	21
Rushes-yards	73-446	23-81
Passing yards	68	361
Total offense	514	442
Passes	15-6-1	51-24-2
Punts	4-162	5-217
Fumbles-lost	4-0	3-1
Penalties-yards	4-30	4-45

SCORE BY PERIODS	1	2	3	4	Total
Nebraska	7	13	0	20	40
Colorado	0	0	14	0	14

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING			
	Nebraska	Colorado	
	Att.	Gain	Avg.
Rozier	32	212	6.6
Gill	13	69	5.3
Craig	13	67	5.2
Wilkening	6	31	5.2
Smith	3	24	8.0
Simmons	1	19	19.0
Mathison	1	9	9.0
Schellen	1	5	5.0
Moravec	1	5	5.0
Mason	2	5	2.5

PASSING			
	Nebraska	Colorado	
	Att.	Comp.	Int.
Gill	15	6	1
Essington	51	24	2

RECEIVING			
	Nebraska	Colorado	
	No.	Yds	TD
T. Brown	1	20	0
Krenk	1	12	0
Simmons	1	12	0
Craig	1	11	0
Swanson	1	7	0
Rozier	1	6	1

PUNTING			
	Nebraska	Colorado	
	No.	Avg.	
Campbell	4	40.5	
Woods	5	43.4	

HOW THEY SCORED

NEBRASKA 7-0 — 14 plays, 68 yards, 8:55 of the first quarter. First play — Mike Rozier 7 run. Second — Rozier 3 run. Third — Rozier 2 run. Fourth — Rozier 6 run. Fifth — Rozier 11 run. Sixth — Rozier 6 run. Seventh — Doug Wilkening 7 run. Eighth — Turner Gill 5 run. Ninth — Rozier 6 run. Tenth — Rozier 7 run. Eleventh — Rozier no gain. Twelfth — Rozier 2 run. Thirteenth — Rozier 2 run. Fourteenth — Wilkening 3 run for touchdown. Kevin Seibel kick.

NEBRASKA 14-0 — 80 yards, 13 plays, 6:12 of the second quarter. First — Rozier 5 run. Second — Rozier 4 run. Third — Roger Craig 5 run. Fourth — Rozier 9 run. Fifth — Craig 9 run. Sixth — Gill 20 run. Seventh — Rozier 1 run. Eighth — Gill pass incomplete. Ninth — Gill 10 run. Tenth — Jeff Smith 10 run. Eleventh — Gill 4 run. Twelfth — Craig 2 run. Thirteenth — Craig 1 run for touchdown. Seibel kick.

NEBRASKA 17-0 — Nine plays, 56 yards, 14:09 of the second quarter. First play — Gill 19 run. Second — Craig 5 run. Third — Rozier 8 run. Fourth — Gill pass incomplete. Fifth — Rozier 16 run. Sixth — Gill 4 run. Seventh — Rozier 4 run. Eighth — Rozier no gain. Ninth — Seibel 26-yard field goal.

NEBRASKA 20-0 — Three plays, no yards, 15:00 of the second quarter. First play — Gill pass incomplete. Second — Gill incomplete. Third — Seibel 31-yard field goal.

COLORADO 7-20 — 2 plays, 46 yards, 6:51 of the third quarter. First play — Guy Egging 9 pass from Randy Essington. Second — Richard Johnson 37 pass from Essington for touchdown. Tom Field kick.

COLORADO 14-20 — 4 plays, 72 yards, 14:38 of the third quarter. First play — Chris McLemore 11 pass from Essington. Second — Johnson 37 pass from Essington. Third — Essington pass incomplete. Fourth — Johnson 24 run for touchdown. Field kick.

NEBRASKA 26-14 — 16 plays, 91 yards, 6:34 of the fourth quarter. First play — Rozier 16 run. Second — Gill 2 run. Third — Craig 11 pass from Gill. Fourth — Rozier 4 run. Fifth — Craig 10 run. Sixth — Craig 9 run. Seventh — Wilkening 2 run. Eighth — Rozier 5 run. Ninth — Rozier 2 run. Tenth — Ricky Simmons 12 pass from Gill. Eleventh — Rozier 6 run. Twelfth — Gill minus-3 run. Thirteenth — Rozier 6 run. Fourteenth — Rozier 4 run. Fifteenth — Craig minus-1 run. Sixteenth — Rozier 6 pass from Gill for touchdown. Run failed.

NEBRASKA 33-14 — One play, 11 yards, 6:51 of the fourth quarter. First play — Rozier 11 run for touchdown. Seibel kick.

NEBRASKA 40-14 — 7 plays, 48 yards, 10:17 of the fourth quarter. First play — Mark Schellen 5 run. Second — Nate Mason no gain. Third — Simmons 19 run. Fourth — Smith 14 run. Fifth — Mason 4 run. Sixth — Mark Moravec 5 run. Seventh — Smith 1 run for touchdown. Seibel kick.

DENVER POST, Oct. 10, 1982

Statistics: Ink's Red

Nebraska Fields Mighty Offense

By MICHAEL KNISLEY
Denver Post Sports Writer

BOULDER — How good is the Nebraska offense?

The statistics — 514 yards of total offense, 446 yards of rushing offense and 31 first downs — speak for themselves. But the University of Colorado coaching staff spoke to the issue, anyway.

"I've never seen backs so difficult to tackle," said Buffs' head coach Bill McCartney after Nebraska beat Colorado 40-14 Saturday in front of 53,022 in Folsom Field.

"Buck Nystrom (Colorado's offensive line coach) said to me during the game that they might be the best offensive line he's ever seen. That's the best offensive personnel I've seen in a long time. I don't know what else they could have. I've never seen a bigger, stronger offense than that one. That offense is awesome. Nobody can shut that one down, in my opinion."

The Buffs' defensive coordinator, Dale Evans, was the man charged with shutting them down; and, until the game's final minutes, Evans' Colorado defense had the Buffs in a position to win the game.

But Evans, who was a coach at South Carolina when 1980 Heisman Trophy winner George Rogers was there, was very impressed with the Huskers' running back combination of Mike Rozier (212 yards) and Roger Craig (67 yards).

"They remind me a lot of George Rogers," Evans said. "They're big, strong guys that just keep coming at you and coming at you. With that big line they've got, that's a tough combination to beat."

If Nebraska has a weakness, according to the Buffs, it's on the defensive side of the football. Colorado found plenty of room to unleash a passing game against the Huskers. C.U. quarterback Randy Essington setting school records for attempts (51), completions (24) and yardage (361).

"Their inside linebackers were really good, but we knew their secondary was suspect," said Essington, who moved into fifth on Colorado's all-time career passing yardage list. "They're a good team. I don't want to take anything away from them. But their defense isn't as good as UCLA's was, or as good as their own was last year."

HUSKERS who missed Monday practice after the 40-14 Colorado game were: Dave Rimington (bruised hand), Irving Fryar (sprained ankle), Mitch Krenk (flu), Jim Murphy (pneumonia), Scott Raridon (flu), and Todd Brown (leg bruise). Coach Osborne said Doug Herrmann, who has missed three games due to minor knee surgery, may be available against K-State.

Huskers corral pesky Buffs, 40-14

BOULDER, COLO. (AP) — I-back Mike Rozier ran for 212 yards and scored two crucial fourth-quarter touchdowns as seventh-ranked Nebraska held off pesky Colorado, 40-14, Saturday in Big Eight Conference football.

Colorado, trailing, 20-0, rallied for two touchdowns in the third quarter to cut the deficit to 20-14. Randy Essington flipped a 37-yard pass to running back Richard Johnson for the first score, and Johnson ran 24 yards for the other.

But Nebraska scored two touchdowns 17 seconds apart in the final period to clinch its fourth victory in five outings.

The Cornhuskers first put together a 16-play, 91-yard drive, with Rozier



The Denver Post / Damian Strohmayr
Rozier glubs oxygen after TD.

Big Eight Standings

	Conference			All Games		
	W.	L.	T.	W.	L.	T.
Nebraska	1	0	0	4	1	0
Oklahoma	1	0	0	3	2	0
Kansas State	0	0	1	3	1	1
Missouri	0	0	1	3	1	1
Kansas	0	0	1	1	2	2
Oklahoma State	0	0	1	1	2	1
Iowa State	0	1	0	3	2	0
Colorado	0	1	0	1	4	0

Saturday's Results

Iowa State 44, Kent State 7
Kansas 24, Oklahoma State 24
Kansas State 7, Missouri 7
Nebraska 40, Colorado 14
Oklahoma 28, Texas 22

This Saturday's Games

Iowa State at Missouri
Colorado at Oklahoma State
Kansas State at Nebraska
Oklahoma at Kansas

catching a 6-yard pass from quarterback Turner Gill for the score with 8:26 left in the game.

On Colorado's next play from scrimmage, Essington's pass was tipped by linebacker Mike Knox and intercepted by Steve Damkroger, who returned 25 yards to the Colorado 11-yard line. Rozier scored on the ensuing play, ripping 11 yards off the right side. That gave the Huskers a comfortable 33-14 lead with 8:09 remaining.

Another Damkroger interception set up sophomore Jeff Smith's 1-yard scoring run with 4:43 left.

Colorado, which fell to 1-4 overall, drove to the Nebraska 4-yard line in the closing seconds but failed to score.

Colorado's game plan was to pass and Essington set school records for completions, attempts and passing yardage, hitting on 24 of 51 for 361 yards.

Nebraska established its running game on its first possession — a 14-play, 68-yard drive entirely on the ground. Rozier carried 11 times for 53 yards on the drive, and fullback Doug Wilkening scored on a 3-yard run with 6:05 left in the opening period.

Early in the second quarter, the Huskers put together an 80-yard scoring march with only one pass. Gill's 20-yard run highlighted the series, and Roger Craig went the final yard with 8:48 left in the half.

Gill ran 19 yards and Rozier 16 as

the Huskers moved inside the Colorado 10-yard line and Kevin Seibel capped the drive with 51 seconds remaining on a 26-yard field goal.

Seconds later Essington dropped back to pass but was blind-sided by Nebraska defensive end Bill Weber and the ball popped loose with the Huskers recovering on the Colorado 13.

CINCINNATI ENQUIRER, Oct. 13, 1982

Nebraska 40, Colorado 14

BOULDER, Colo. (AP) — Junior I-back Mike Rozier ran for 212 yards and scored two crucial fourth-quarter touchdowns as No. 7 Nebraska held off pesky Colorado 40-14 in the Big Eight.

Colorado, trailing 20-0, rallied for two touchdowns in the third quarter to cut the deficit to 20-14. Randy Essington flipped a 37-yard pass to running back Richard Johnson for the first score, and Johnson ran 24 yards for the other.

But Nebraska responded to the challenge, scoring two touchdowns just 17 seconds apart in the final period.



BILL MCCARTNEY
CU's head coach

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, Oct. 12, 1982

Polls agree on 1-7 spots

News wire services

College football polls compiled by Associated Press and United Press International Monday were in agreement on the nation's top seven teams.

Once again Washington was No. 1, but Alabama moved into second place ahead of Pittsburgh after its decisive victory over Penn State. Pitt slipped to third, followed by Georgia, Southern Methodist, Nebraska and Arkansas.

After that the remainder of the competing Top Tens differed. UPI's board of coaches made North Carolina No. 8, followed by Notre Dame and Penn State.

AP's panel of sportswriters and sportscasters listed Penn State No. 8, followed by Notre Dame and Arizona State.

Washington, impressive 50-7 winner over California, received 31 of 54 first-place votes and 1,046 of a possible 1,080 points from the AP panel.

AP's Second Ten consists of North Carolina, UCLA — down from eighth after being held to a 24-24 tie by Arizona — West Virginia, Southern Cal, Illinois, LSU, Miami, Texas, Florida State and Clemson.

UPI's second 10 consists of No. 11 UCLA, which dipped three places after tying Arizona 24-24, No. 12 West Virginia, up five spots after topping Boston College 20-13, No. 13 Illinois, No. 14 Louisiana State and No. 15 Florida State, making its first appearance in the Top 20.

What others said:

CU coach BILL MCCARTNEY: We'd narrowed the score to 20-14 when quarterback Randy Essington's pass was tipped by Nebraska's 44 (Mike Knox) into the hands of 35 (Steve Damkroger). It went to our 11. Rozier scored on the next play. It was all over for the Buffs. (Nebraska tacked on another touchdown a few minutes later when Damkroger intercepted another and ran it to the Colorado 48).

Nebraska romps late over Buffs

BOULDER, Colo.—Late in the third quarter Saturday, as Colorado drew within 20-14 of seventh-ranked Nebraska with two touchdowns, hopes were raised among the 53,022 fans who jammed Folsom Field that an upset might be in **Big Eight** the works.

If achieved, it would be no ordinary upset, because Nebraska is Colorado's chief nemesis. The Buffs had lost 14 straight games to Nebraska, including last year's 59-0 humiliation.

But it was not to be, as the Cornhuskers marched 91 yards for a touchdown, then converted an interception into another score 17 seconds later on the way to a 40-14 Big Eight victory.

"We got close and then they go 91 yards and score," Colorado Coach Bill McCartney said. "That's the sign of a great team."

Nebraska's strong ground attack wore down Colorado. The Huskers had 446 yards rushing, including a career-high 212 yards by junior I-back Mike Rozier, who scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns.

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne found fault only with his defense, which he said still is giving opposing quarterbacks too much time to throw.

Colorado, which fell to 1-4, attacked the Huskers by air, resulting in school records for completions, attempts and passing yardage for Randy Essington, who completed 24 of 51 passes for 361 yards.

Colorado, trailing 20-0, rallied for two touchdowns in the third quarter, cutting the deficit to 20-14. Essington threw a 37-yard pass to running back Richard Johnson for the first score, and

ROCKY MOUNTAIN NEWS, Oct. 10, 1982

Colorado morale after Nebraska loss pivotal

By MIKE MADIGAN
News Staff

As important as it was to Head Coach Bill McCartney to get the University of Colorado "up" for last week's game against Nebraska, it may be even more important this week how he brings them down.

Oklahoma State, CU's opponent this week, isn't Nebraska — on the field or, McCartney worries, in his players' minds.

The Buffaloes were within 20-14 of the No. 7-ranked Cornhuskers Saturday before bowing 40-14 and, McCartney said Monday, "It could be a plus. We can build on it. We played them tougher than any Colorado team in the last few years."

"But all around me I hear people saying 'Hey, if you can play with Nebraska, you ought to win all your other games.' It doesn't work like that."

"We're going to have to have the same kind of effort to win any more games... I'm not down," said the first-year coach.

The question is one that even interested Tom Osborne during his Monday morning press conference in Lincoln.

"It'll be interesting to see how they (CU) play this week after putting so much into that game," the Nebraska head coach said. "If they do play well, they should win some games."

McCartney, of course, built the Nebraska game up for his team as being an event ranking in significance somewhere between D-Day at Normandy and their birthdays. Their real birthday. Even though he now faces the consequences of not succeeding after such a massive emotional buildup, he doesn't regret the idea.

"Yes, I'd do it the same way," he said. Complete with campus bonfires, commemorative T-shirts and Buck Nystrom-led cheers. "Except we'll have more time to do it before next year's game. Next year we go to Nebraska, and if they give us 3,500 seats we'll take 3,500 people."

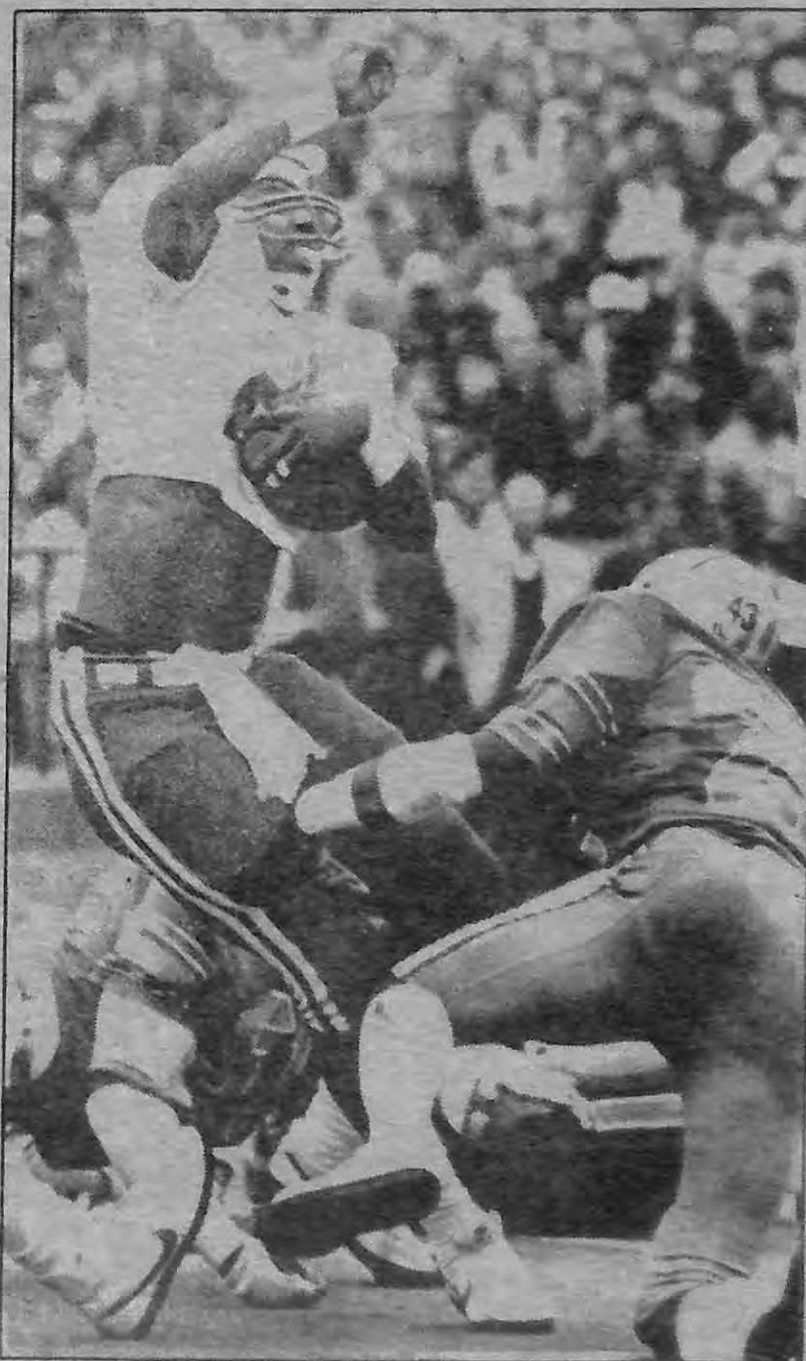
Of the game, he had three observations.

"First, the defense played hard," he said, "but not as well as we have. I don't want to take anything away from their backs (Nebraska's Mike Rozier gained 212 yards, Turner Gill 88 and Roger Craig 68) because they're good. But we didn't tackle well." McCartney said CU missed 21 tackles which resulted in 93 of the Huskers' 514 total yards.

"Secondly, we were at a real disadvantage... Nebraska realized our defensive interior line was really hurting, and I think they ran more because of that."

But, like a victory over Nebraska, he doesn't have it. What he does have is an angry Oklahoma State.

"You don't just bounce off a game like this and say 'Hey, here comes Oklahoma State, now we're going... I don't know what this team will do. I'll know better in a couple days.'"



Nebraska fullback Roger Craig spins into the end zone and scores against Colorado.

Johnson ran 24 yards for the other.

But Nebraska then scored the two touchdowns 17 seconds apart in the final period, clinching its fourth victory in five games. The

Cornhuskers first put together a 16-play, 91-yard drive, with Rozier catching a 6-yard pass from quarterback Turner Gill for the score with 8 minutes, 26 seconds left in the game.



Standings

Big Eight Football Standings

	Conf.	All games
Nebraska	1-0-0	4-1-0
Oklahoma	1-0-0	3-2-0
Kansas State	0-0-1	3-1-1
Missouri	0-0-1	3-1-1
Kansas	0-0-1	1-2-2
Oklahoma State	0-0-1	1-2-1
Iowa State	0-1-0	3-2-0
Colorado	0-1-0	1-4-0

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Wildcats meet No. 6 Nebraska

By BRETT MARSHALL
Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — It will be the new kid on the block trying to knock off the big bully when Kansas State invades Nebraska's Memorial Stadium here Saturday afternoon for a Big Eight Conference battle.

Kickoff is set for 1:30 before an expected sellout crowd of over 75,000. It will be NU's 121st consecutive capacity crowd, an NCAA record.



Mike Rozier

K-State's red-shirt gamble by coach Jim Dickey has apparently paid dividends as the Wildcats have compiled a 3-1-1 record, their best since they went 5-1 in 1969. Nebraska, 4-1, is ranked sixth in the latest UPI national poll.

The Cornhuskers fought off a stubborn Colorado team in last week's conference opener at Boulder to post a 40-14 triumph. The Wildcats salvaged a 7-7 tie with Missouri in their conference debut.

Dickey, pleased with his team's overall performance in 1982, realizes the task his squad faces against the talented 'Huskers.

"Nebraska is still an outstanding team," Dickey said. "They are good offensively and good defensively. It's amazing how good they are."

The Cornhuskers are good enough on offense to be averaging 43 points and 575 yards a game. K-State's defense, however, ranks second in the Big Eight, yielding only 11.1 points an outing.

"We're going to have to get some breaks if we expect to beat them," said Dickey, "but I've been in coaching long enough to know there are upsets every week."

Nebraska owns a 13-game winning streak in the series with Kansas State. The Wildcats' last triumph was 12-0 in 1968. The Cornhuskers have an overall lead in the series of 54-10-4.

The Kansas State defense will be out to stop I-back Mike Rozier, who rushed

for 212 yards in the win over Colorado and has gained 662 yards on the season. Cornhusker quarterback Turner Gill has thrown for 706 yards and 7 touchdowns to balance out the offense.

Kansas State, which is still suffering some injuries from its loss two weeks ago at Arizona State, will be without the services of fullback Pete Brown. Tailbacks Mark Hundley and Iosefatu Faraimo should be available as should reserve fullback Charles Crawford.

"We're just trying to figure Kansas State out," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "Kansas State has a good football team, probably the best since the middle or late 1960s when they beat Nebraska."

The Huskers welcomed back wingback Irving Fryar to practice in mid-week after he had missed the Colorado game with a sprained ankle.

K-State's offense, which has sputtered in the last two weeks (a loss and a tie with just 14 points scored), will be looking for quarterback Darrell Dickey to return to his early-season form.

The Wildcat senior has thrown for 482 yards, 359 of those to wide receiver Mike Wallace, the second leading receiver in the Big Eight. Wallace has hauled in 17 aerials for an average of 21.1 yards and scored four touchdowns.

PROBABLE STARTERS

KANSAS ST. (3-1-1)	Pos.	(4-1) NEBRASKA
Wallace (178-Sr)	SE	(173-Sr) Brown
Hoppeck (266-Sr)	WT-LT	(256-Sr) Theiss
Donaldson (260-Sr)	WG-LG	(255-Sr) Mandelko
Kennedy (232-Sr)	C	(290-Sr) Rimington
Menas (260-Sr)	SG-RG	(257-Jr) Steinkuhler
Johnson (270-Sr)	ST-RT	(254-Sr) Kwapick
Cox (235-Sr)	TE	(230-Sr) J. Williams
Mack (206-Sr)	FL-WB	(190-Jr) Fryar
Dickey (192-Sr)	QB	(183-Jr) Gill
Pierson (197-Sr)	FB	(222-Sr) Craig
Hundley (210-Jr)	TB-IB	(210-Jr) Rozier

DEFENSE	(210-Sr) Weber
Madison (215-Jr)	LE
Simeta (271-Sr)	LT
Williamson (235-Sr)	NG
Singleton (266-Jr)	RT
Koenning (229-Sr)	RE
Ruzich (215-Sr)	LB
Cokeley (222-Sr)	LB
Switzer (194-Sr)	CB
Best (180-Sr)	CB
Morris (191-Sr)	SS-M
Morrill (176-Sr)	FS

SEASON'S RESULTS	(42-7) Iowa
Kentucky (23-9)	W-W
South Dakota (42-3)	W-W
Wichita State (31-7)	W-L
Arizona State (7-30)	L-W
Missouri (7-7)	T-W

Kickoff — 1:30 p.m., Nebraska's Memorial Stadium.

OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, Oct. 16, 1982

Huskers to Test Validity of Kansas State Dream

By Steve Sinclair

WORLD-HERALD BUREAU

Lincoln — Jim Dickey's curiosity may be aroused more today than it's ever been in his coaching career.

It's time, Dickey said, to find out "how much separation there is between us and them."

Dickey, who is in his fifth year as Kansas State's football coach, will learn this afternoon if his team's dream of being competitive with the best in the Big Eight Conference is a reality.

He'll know more after K-State, 3-1-1, plays its 1:30 game at Memorial Stadium against sixth-ranked and 4-1 Nebraska.

"They're really a great team," Dickey said. "They're the superior team in the conference. I'd like to see if we've closed the gap any."

Last year's gap was 46 points as Nebraska overpowered the Wildcats 49-3. Kansas State has lost to Nebraska 13 straight seasons.

This K-State team is considered the school's best in years, thanks to Dickey's decision last season to red-shirt eight senior starters. Dickey said last year's move just put Kansas State closer to Nebraska.

"They've done with about four classes, what we've done with eight or nine kids," he said. "They've been doing it forever with a lot more numbers. We think we're a little improved. We hope we are."

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne is also curious today. He wants to know more about the Cornhusker defense that was good in its first two games of the season against Iowa and New Mexico State, but showed weaknesses the past three weeks.

"The guys are playing hard," Osborne said. "They're not outskilled. We're just a step away sometimes. We'll find out more this week. Every week we find out more. After 12 or 13 games, we'll know."

This week, it's Kansas State quarterback Darrell Dickey's turn to test Nebraska's pass defense that permitted Penn State to gain 295 yards through the air and Colorado 361. Dickey ranks 10th on the Big Eight Conference's all-time career passing list with 3,355 yards.



JIM DICKEY
K-State's head coach in his fifth season. His son Darrell is KSU's quarterback.

Sunny Skies and 70

Ideal football weather is forecast for Lincoln today for the match between Nebraska and Kansas State. At kickoff time, temperatures should be around 70 under mostly sunny skies. Southwest winds from 5 to 15 miles per hour are expected, according to the National Weather Service.

Jim Dickey, Darrell's dad, isn't certain Kansas State can throw against the Cornhuskers like other teams have. He said the Wildcats' passing game hasn't been sharp.

"The biggest disappointment we've had two weeks in a row is our inability to throw the ball, and not pick up blitzes," Dickey said.

The Wildcats' offense worked extra against blitzes in practice this week.

"Even if a team doesn't have that (blitzing) personality, I'm sure they'll develop it when they see our inability to block those situations," Dickey said.

One aspect of Nebraska's personality that concerns Dickey is the Cornhuskers' ability to turn games that should be close into routs.

"They take teams that should be really good and make the games run-aways," Dickey said. "If I stay in coaching another 20 years, I guess I won't be more shocked than I was last year with what Nebraska did to Oklahoma State. I thought for sure that would be a close game."

Nebraska beat the Cowboys 54-7. The Cornhuskers got 546 yards against a team that was the nation's leader in total defense.

Kansas State enters today's game ranked 15th nationally in total defense.

"All of our defensive players are playing better than they have in the past," Dickey said. "I'm pleased with the improvement we've made. We certainly haven't played anybody the caliber of Nebraska."

Kansas State did play 10th-ranked Arizona State two weeks ago at Tempe, Ariz., and lost 31-7.

"I don't think that helped us any," Dickey said. "I wish we wouldn't have gone out there."

Dickey doesn't think his players have been building their hopes too high in preparing for Nebraska.

"I think they're pretty realistic," Dickey said. "They know they're about 24-point underdogs. They know Nebraska has a great team, and that it will take an unusual effort to beat them."

KANSAS CITY STAR, Oct. 13, 1982

History lines up

By Tom Shatel
sports writer

Kansas State's 3-1-1 record has grabbed the attention of anyone who knows the Wildcat tradition of losing football games. That includes Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne, who must prepare his sixth-ranked Cornhuskers for Saturday's game with Kansas State in Lincoln, Neb.

"They are the most experienced team we've ever played at Kansas State," Osborne said. "I'm very impressed with their intensity and the quality of their defensive play most of the time. Offensively, they seem to be able to come up with the big

play, they throw the ball well and that's the kind of team that bothers us (Nebraska ranks last in the Big Eight in defending the pass)."

Kansas State Coach Jim Dickey knows Nebraska can afford to give up 190 yards passing each game when it averages 408 yards rushing and 575 yards total offense, numbers that lead the nation. So Dickey doesn't consider that a weakness.

"Any what?" Dickey replied when asked of any Nebraska

weaknesses. "I'll let you look at the film, and if you can find some we'll be glad to use any plays you have. They're just different people. It's amazing how good they are."

Top 20 Poll

Associated Press

First-place votes and records in parentheses.
Points based on 20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 for first through 20th place.

Points	Oct. 5 Rating
1. Washington (31) (5-0)	1,046
2. Alabama (13) (5-0)	1,016
3. Pittsburgh (9) (4-0)	996
4. Georgia (1) (5-0)	909
5. Southern Methodist (5-0)	811
6. Nebraska (4-1)	752
7. Arkansas (5-0)	710
8. Penn State (4-1)	678
9. Notre Dame (4-0)	672
10. Arizona State (6-0)	660
11. North Carolina (4-1)	572
12. UCLA (3-0-1)	471
13. West Virginia (4-1)	429
14. Southern Cal (3-1)	403
15. Illinois (5-1)	287
16. Louisiana State (3-0-1)	174
17. Miami (Fla.) (4-2)	149
18. Texas (3-1)	141
19. Florida State (4-1)	110
20. Clemson (3-1-1)	89

TOPEKA STATE CAPITAL JOURNAL, Oct. 21, 1982

Dick Fensler

Sports Journal



Notes

DID THE Big Eight office know something a few weeks ago when it asked the conference football coaches if they were in favor of tie-breakers?

Jimmy Johnson, whose Oklahoma State Cowboys have been involved in two, said, "I hate for any game to end in a tie, so obviously, my answer would be yes." Don Fambrough, whose Kansas team has also tied twice, said, "I really would like to see it. A tie-breaker would take a lot of pressure off coaches, for one thing. Trying to decide what to do puts a lot of pressure on a coach."

"I think it would help the game — you would decide something. When you tie, you don't prove anything. We're not happy; the opponent's not happy. Somebody should come away from the game happy."

Tom Osborne, the Nebraska coach

who usually does not agree with his colleagues, is true to form.

"I don't know that I would favor it," he said. "You have the two-point conversion, which is sort of a tie-breaker. The coach usually has the option near the end of a game to either go for two, or go for one. That usually means you're going to settle for a tie, or you're not."

"I've seen tie-breakers in high school. But, golly, to play a whole ball game and then give a team four downs to decide the game — that would be kind of hard..."

Huskers rout K-State, 42-13

By BRETT MARSHALL
Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — Kansas State head football coach Jim Dickey has been around long enough to recognize an outstanding offensive team.

So when he passed out accolades of "the best offensive team they've ever had" and "their offensive line is something else" you knew he spoke with a great deal of respect for the Nebraska Cornhusker offensive machine.

And why shouldn't he?

After all, the Huskers had just dismantled his Wildcats, 42-13, Saturday afternoon before a capacity crowd of 76,268.

"I've been up here with many a different team when I was at other places, but this is without a doubt the best offensive team Nebraska has had," a downcast Dickey said in the post-game interview. "Every way you can look at it, they are good. They can run, they can throw, they can do anything they want."

The loss drops the Wildcats to 0-1-1 in the Big Eight and 3-2-1 overall. Nebraska is 2-0 and 5-1.

Dickey, although impressed with the performance of Husker I-back Mike Rozier, who rushed for 204 yards on 21 carries, and a multitude of other backs, he was most impressed with the NU offensive line.

"Their offensive line is something else," said Dickey. "I could run through some of the holes they made and I'm 95 years old. Just about any back could run behind that line. Every time I looked out there it seemed like we didn't have anybody within a six-yard radius of where the ballcarrier was."

Nebraska's margin of victory left little doubt as to which team had the better of it. The 6th-ranked Huskers rolled up 496 yards in offense, nearly 80 yards shy of their season average.

Kansas State did make a mild run at the Cornhuskers in the third quarter after trailing 21-3 at intermission.

A two-yard touchdown pass from Turner Gill to Jamie Williams early in the third quarter gave the Huskers a commanding 28-3 advantage, but the Wildcats persisted in delaying the inevitable as long as possible.

Darrell Dickey's one-yard plunge midway through the third period and a career-best 45-yard field goal by Steve Willis in the late stages brought the Wildcats to within 15 points at 28-13.

Nebraska, however, came on strong in the fourth quarter for the second straight week, scoring two TD's to win going away.

Reserve I-back Jeff Smith, a sophomore from Wichita, rambled 19 yards and backup quarterback Bruce Mathison slipped around left end from five yards out to finish off the scoring.

Nebraska place-kicker Kevin Seibel was perfect on all six of his extra points, thus extending his consecutive streak to 47.

Husker coach Tom Osborne gave his team a mixed review afterward.

"We did a lot of good things today but we're still vulnerable in some areas," he said. "We could have had 14 more points in the first half, one of them (one of four lost fumbles) led to a score for them."

Osborne said he wanted to work on his passing attack against the Cats, but the Husker receivers kept coughing it up with fumbles.

In spite of the limited aerial attack, the Huskers were effective as Gill hit on 11-of-12 passes, establishing school and Big Eight records for completion percentage in the process.

The previous best was a 23-of-27 effort by Nebraska's David Humm in 1974 in a 56-0 victory over Kansas.

"I think their offense is better than it's ever been because of Gill," said his counterpart, Darrell Dickey. "He hits his receivers well and he is so quick when he runs with the ball."

Although the Wildcats were able to just get 13 points on the board (one touchdown and two Willis field goals), the offense was much improved from the past two weeks in a loss to Arizona State (30-7) and last week's 7-7 tie with Missouri.

"We still didn't play good enough but the main thing is we did have a little more success," said Dickey, the quarterback. "We had some good protection and we picked up the blitz a lot better than in the past."

Dickey, who completed just 7-of-17 passes, had several of them dropped

What they said . . .

KSU Coach JIM DICKEY:

"I've been up here many times with many ball clubs — Oklahoma, Oklahoma State and this one. I believe that this is Nebraska's best offensive team. They are great. I hope I live long enough for them to run out of material."

by his receiving corps.

"I threw some bad ones, too," he said in defense of his receivers. "I'm not about to blame anybody. We're all in this together."

Nebraska, as it has done all season, opened with a bang, marching 68 yards on its first possession of the game to take an early 7-0 lead.

Rozier, who would later add another TD, got this one on a 27-yard scamper, breaking over right tackle and then outracing the KSU defenders to the end zone.

Willis made it 7-3 midway through the second quarter when he booted a 44-yard field goal. The score was set up when defensive tackle Bob Daniels recovered a Williams fumble after Gill had completed the pass to the big tight end.

Nebraska made it 14-3 with 4:27 left before halftime when fullback Doug Wilkening bulled over from the three.

Kansas State failed to move the ball on its next series and punted to the Huskers, who set up shop on their own 49 with just over two and a half minutes remaining.

It didn't take them long as Rozier took a pitch from Gill, turned the left corner and raced untouched for a 46-yard TD romp.

Kansas State will now try to regroup for next week's annual grudge match with cross-state rival Kansas in a game which is scheduled to be played Saturday night.

Big Eight Standings

	Conference					All Games				
	W	L	T	Pts.	OP	W	L	T	Pts.	OP
Nebraska	2	0	0	82	27	5	1	0	257	68
Oklahoma	2	0	0	44	17	4	2	0	128	100
Missouri	0	0	2	24	24	3	1	2	103	78
Oklahoma State	0	0	2	49	49	1	2	2	113	106
Kansas State	0	1	1	20	49	3	2	1	123	9
Iowa State	0	1	1	20	30	3	2	1	139	77
Kansas	0	1	1	38	55	1	3	2	106	120
Colorado	0	1	1	39	65	1	4	1	84	154

Last Week's Results

Missouri 17, Iowa State 17
Nebraska 42, Kansas State 13
Oklahoma 38, Kansas 14
Colorado 25, Oklahoma State 25

This Week's Games

Missouri at Nebraska
Oklahoma State at Oklahoma
Kansas at Kansas State
Iowa State at Colorado

DES MOINES SUNDAY REGISTER, Oct. 17, 1982

Rozier's 204 yards key Huskers, 42-13

LINCOLN, Neb. — Junior I-back Mike Rozier scored two touchdowns and gained 204 yards to lead No. 6-ranked Nebraska to a 42-13 Big Eight Conference football victory Saturday over Kansas State.

Rozier's performance in 21 attempts placed him as the eighth all-time leading Nebraska rusher. He became the second Husker to rush for more than 200 yards in consecutive games.

Senior I-back Roger Craig, who has been slowed by a thigh injury, carried seven times for 20 yards and became the Huskers' seventh-leading rusher.

Nebraska took a 21-3 halftime lead on touchdown runs of 27 and 46 yards by Rozier and three yards by fullback Doug Wilkening.

Kansas State scored on a 44-yard field goal by Steve Willis in the first quarter.

The Wildcats came back in the third quarter with a one-yard touchdown run by quarterback Darrell Dickey and a 45-yard field goal by Willis, his longest ever.

Nebraska scored twice in the third quarter on a two-yard pass from quarterback Turner Gill to tight end Jamie Williams and a 19-yard run by I-back Jeff Smith.

Nebraska is 2-0 in the conference and 5-1 overall. Kansas State is 0-1-1 and 3-2-1.

Nebraska chalked up 496 total yards, 384 on the ground. The Husker defense held Kansas State to 124 yards on the ground. Dickey was 8-of-17 in passing for 93 yards.



STOPPED — Kansas State's Charles Crawford (39) is stopped by several Nebraska tacklers including Tony Felici (46), Mike Knox and

Rob Stuckey, right, during first quarter action between the two Big Eight schools in Lincoln Saturday. Nebraska won, 42-13.



FRUSTRATION ON THE GRIDIRON. The photo which tells more than words. Eric Mack of Kansas State squats on the artificial turf, hands covering face after a Wildcat pass went incomplete. Allen Lyday, Husker defender, stands tall in a pose expressing confidence in breaking up the play.

Game 6 — Kansas State

Dickey awe-struck by Nebraska's offense

By Steve Richardson
sports writer

L incoln, Neb.—Kansas State Coach Jim Dickey has come to this town of college football mania many times. Over the years the 48-year-old Dickey has been an assistant at Oklahoma State, Oklahoma and Kansas. Dickey thought he had seen it all until Saturday.

The Cornhuskers didn't part the Red Sea. But it would have been a near miracle if they would have lost. Nebraska rolled and rolled to a 42-13 victory over the Kansas State Wildcats. The Wildcats never stopped Nebraska. Nebraska only stopped itself.

There were no Cornhusker punts, only six Nebraska fumbles, four of which were lost. Get the picture?

"I have been here with many ballclubs and this is the best offensive ballclub I have ever seen at Nebraska," Dickey said. "Every way you look at them, all the things the offense does; throw, run. The defense has a ways to go to have the kind of ballclub that will go through the league. But if they keep the ball as much as they did today, the defense might not have to be that good."

Sixth-ranked Nebraska, 5-1, had its own way on the ground most of the time,

and through the air when it wanted. The Cornhuskers rushed for 384 yards, with I-back Mike Rozier gaining 204 yards. Quarterback Turner Gill completed 11 of 12 passes for 101 yards, setting a Big Eight passing-completion record. Gill's 91.7 percent broke the 85.2-percent standard set by Nebraska quarterback Dave Humm in 1974 in a 56-0 victory over Kansas. Humm completed 23 of 27 passes in that game.

"I think they are the best team I have played against," Kansas State defensive tackle Reggie Singletary said. "They are a great team all around in every position. Gill makes a lot of difference; he runs the option great. He is the best I have seen."

Actually, a sellout crowd of 76,268 was treated to excellent offensive-line play, according to Dickey. It blew around Kansas State's defense, which ranked 15th in the country, all day.

"Rozier, Craig (Roger, the fullback), Jeff Smith (another I back) all looked good behind that offensive line. It is one of the finest I have seen," Dickey added. The holes were so big I could have

run through some of them and I am 95 years old."

The first time it touched the ball Nebraska marched 68 yards in seven plays. Rozier burst over right tackle for the final 27 yards with 7 minutes, 19 seconds left in the first quarter. Kevin Seibel's kick gave the Cornhuskers a 7-0 lead.

And Rozier was off to another big day.

Last week against Colorado, Rozier rushed for 212 yards. His second consecutive 200-plus day was the first back-to-back Nebraska 200-yard performance since I.M. Hipp pulled it off against Indiana and Kansas State in 1977.

Rozier carried the ball only 21 times.

"I don't think there will be too many backs that will have a 10-yard average against Kansas State," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said.

There was only a brief respite from the Rozier show.

After a Nebraska fumble, Kansas State, 3-2-1, got on the scoreboard. The Wildcats drove to the Nebraska 27 before Steve Willis

kicked a 44-yard field goal with 11 minutes, 29 seconds left in the first half.

Rozier ran 16 yards on Nebraska's first play from scrimmage after Kansas State's touchdown. But Gill fumbled at the Nebraska 36 and the Wildcats recovered. But Kansas State could not convert. Quarterback Darrell Ray Dickey completed three passes, but all were dropped. The last was on fourth and 5 when Eric Mack couldn't hang on at the Nebraska 14-yard line.

That was the game.

On the next play Rozier galloped 28 yards to the Kansas State 37. And the Cornhuskers were moving in for another score. Eight plays later, second-string fullback Doug Wilkening scored from the 3. With 4 minutes, 27 seconds left in the first half, Seibel kicked the extra point and Nebraska led 14-3.

Rozier and Nebraska weren't done.

With 1 minute, 52 seconds left, Rozier took a pitch left and 46 yards for his second and final touchdown. The play took 9 seconds, and really killed any Kansas State hopes of victory.



LEN SEIBEL, the Huskers' principal kickoff and PAT man the past three seasons, kicked for all six Nebraska extra points in the Kansas State game, attaining 47 straight for the Huskers. Seibel's toe rated him No. 13 on the post-1950 scoring charts coming into the 1982 season. He is a right-footed soccer-style kicker and hails from Vermillion, S.D., little more than a Seibel boot across the Missouri River from Nebraska's Dixon County.

Rozier runs wild against Cats

By RICK DEAN
Capital-Journal sports writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — Mike Rozier appeared to be going nowhere. Nebraska's I-back was running to his left, looking for a hole between the tight end and tackle. Nothing was there, not yet anyway.

So Rozier hit the brakes, stopping as quickly as he started. His slight pause enabled the Cornhusker linemen to hold up the Kansas State end and linebacker for just the slightest

of seconds. It was all the opening Rozier needed.

Turning on a laser quick burst of speed, Rozier was through the crease in a heartbeat. From there he veered to the outside, where no one would catch him. His 46-yard touchdown run — his second breakaway TD of the day — allowed Nebraska to drive 51 yards in three plays, using only 48 seconds of the final 2:31 in the first half to post a 21-3 lead at intermission.

By the time he left the game with 13:55 to

play — after a fierce Will Cokeley tackle — Rozier had totaled 204 yards rushing and helped stake Nebraska to a 28-13 lead. He also left behind a group of Wildcat defenders awed by his performance in the 42-13 Nebraska win.

"So many times we thought we had him stopped," said Wildcat linebacker Dan Ruzich. "But he changes direction so quickly that you overrun the ball and let him cut back. He's a tricky runner."

"Defense is a reaction game, and with Rozier you have to wait and react to what he's doing," said strong safety Jim Bob Morris. "But he's so quick and powerful that he just out-quicks you. He's probably the best runner I ever faced."

"He's got it all," defensive tackle Mike Simeta said. "Whatever it takes for a back to be good, he does it. He runs well behind his blockers, and when the holes aren't there he gets it himself."

Though he had the biggest chunk of the Huskers' 384 yards rushing, Rozier wasn't the whole offensive story for the Huskers. His replacement, former Wichita Southeast All-Stater Jeff Smith, added 51 yards on only five carries, including a 19-yard touchdown scamper on the series when Rozier left the game. Quarterback Turner Gill chipped in 57 rushing yards in addition to throwing for 101 more.

Different reasons were cited for the Huskers' offensive dominance. Coach Jim Dickey lauded the Nebraska line, calling it "the best offensive line I've ever seen."

"I could have run the ball in some of those areas when I'm 95," Dickey said of the holes opened by the Husker front wall.

Morris, however, wasn't as impressed with the Husker blocking as he was with the Husker backs.

"I felt like I'd been up against better blockers," he said. "Their backs made a lot of those yards on their own. Their line is good, all right, but their backs were so explosive that you'd hit them and they'd pop off and turn a two or three-yard gainer into a 10 or 12-yarder. They've got probably one of the top backfields in the country, or at least one of the best."

At the same time, Morris said the Wildcats might have played better defensively.

"I didn't think we tackled very well today," he said. "and we didn't execute well defensively. I know I made several critical errors in key situations. A couple of times I was blitzing Gill, but I didn't wrap him up. The effort was there, but we made too many mental mistakes."

"At times I thought we played with them well, and at other times we weren't with them at all," Morris added. "Most of the time they lined up and kicked our butts."



Two Nebraska defenders including ol' reliable linebacker Steve Damkroger (35) swarmed Wildcat James Ricketts (14). Damkroger, out of Lincoln Northeast High, is defensive captain. The Cats rushed for only 124 yards.

HUTCHINSON KANSAS NEWS, Oct. 17, 1982

'Huskers 42, Wildcats 13

LINCOLN, Neb. (UPI) — Nebraska I-back Mike Rozier impressed both coaches by running for 204 yards on 21 carries to lead the Huskers to a 42-13 homecoming win over Kansas State Saturday.

It v Rozier's second consecutive

Games stats

	KSU	NEB
First downs	15	27
Rushes-yards	44-124	48-384
Passing yards	131	112
Return yards	41	0
Passes	12-27-0	12-13-0
Punts	4-38.8	0-0
Fumbles-lost	0-0	6-4
Penalties-yards	7-67	5-26

Kansas State.....0 3 10 0 — 13
Nebraska.....7 14 7 14 — 42

Neb—Rozier 27 run (Seibel kick)
KSU—Willis FG 44
Neb—Wilkening 3 run (Seibel kick)
Neb—Rozier 45 run (Seibel kick)
Neb—Williams 2 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)
KSU—Dickey 1 run (Willis kick)
KSU—Willis FG 45
Neb—Smith 19 run (Seibel kick)
Neb—Mathison 5 run (Seibel kick)
A—76,268



Husker Mike Rozier (30) bounced off K-State's L.E. Madison (97). Wildcat defenders had a hard time tackling Rozier, who had 204 yards.

Nebraska rolls past K-State

COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN, Oct. 23, 1982

Tigers enjoy view from the top

Coach-in-the-box helps

By Chuck Finder
Missourian sportswriter

They are The Men Upstairs. They survey, scout and chart the opposition, and then inform their superiors on the front lines of their findings. Much is expected from them.

They are the coaches in the press box, and their task is difficult. One mistake, and it can be the worst day of their lives.

Six games into the season, Missouri followers are finding fault with the coaches upstairs. Tigers fans claim the team's coaches, who today will be stationed high in the Memorial Stadium press box in Lincoln, Neb., are failing to make connections with the team or call the right play.

However, therein lies the rub: the coaches upstairs, for the most part, merely take notes on the opposing team; they do not call plays. More on that later.

Missouri head coach Warren Powers conducts his business standing on the sidelines wearing the headset through which his assistants communicate with him. But Powers doesn't hesitate to air his preferences: "I'd rather sit up there. You have such a better view."

Jim Donnan, the Tigers' quarterback/receiver coach and longtime veteran of collegiate press boxes, says every Missouri coach has a specific assignment. When the Missouri offense is on the field, his duty is to watch the defensive secondary and perimeter — defensive ends and linebackers — and to talk things over with the quarterback between offensive series.

While Donnan keeps his eyes peeled on the backfield, assistant

coach and former Missouri guard Mark Jones studies the opposing defensive line. Tight end coach Steve Miller, in the meantime, jots down the types of defenses and offenses the opponent employs, attempting to uncover any tendencies or changes in the other team.

"The hardest thing for any coach in the press box," Donnan explains, "is the tendency to watch the whole game instead of a certain part. It's not like watching a game on television — there's no instant replay. You have to train yourself to watch a certain phase."

Then again, wandering eyes are only one of the numerous minor catastrophes that are commonplace upstairs.

"The only real problem we could have is if the phones went out," Donnan says.

That's not likely with Missouri. Wherever they go, the Tigers always bring along three sets of phones: their regular ones, some backups and an additional crop of wireless phones. Just to be safe.

Another hardship, Donnan says, is getting in and out of the press box. Few people hold elevators for opposing coaches, you know.

"And then you have eight, nine, 10 floors to get up," he says.

He's had his share of misfortune in the press box. He not-so-fondly remembers the time he and some other coaches at Florida State were going to shoot Polaroid photographs of the other team's defense. As soon as the pictures would develop, they would send them down a wire to the coaches on the field.

Their first attempt with the Photo Express also was their last. The wire broke, and the snapshots turned

Today's starting lineups

MISSOURI

87 Craig White (6-2, 190)
78 Andy Ekern (6-6, 258)
61 James Dempsey (6-0, 241)
53 Phil Greenfield (6-1, 240)
67 Bernard Laster (6-2, 251)
76 Conrad Goode (6-7, 260)
83 Andy Gibler (6-4, 235)
5 Brad Perry (6-2, 204)
36 Tracey Mack (6-0, 212)
22 Santos Barbosa (6-0, 190)
82 James Caver (5-11, 177)
7 Brad Burditt (6-3, 195)

OFFENSE

SE Todd Brown (6-0, 173) 29
LT Randy Theiss (6-3, 256) 65
LG Mike Mandelko (6-1, 255) 68
C Dave Rimington (6-3, 290) 50
RG Dean Steinkuhler (6-4, 257) 71
RT Jeff Kwapick (6-3, 254) 70
TE Jamie Williams (6-5, 230) 80
QB Turner Gill (6-1, 183) 12
FB Doug Wilkening (6-3, 218) 34
TB Roger Craig (6-2, 220) 21
FL Irving Fryar (6-0, 190) 27
K Kevin Seibel (6-2, 240) 49

DEFENSE

LE Bill Weber (6-2, 210) 87
LT Toby Williams (6-4, 255) 97
NG Jeff Merrell (6-4, 258) 74
RT Rob Stuckey (6-3, 250) 74
RE Tony Felici (6-2, 205) 46
LB Steve Damkroger (6-1, 230) 35
LB Steve McWhirter (6-2, 235) 45
CB Allen Lyday (5-11, 185) 18
SS 10 Bret Clark (6-3, 196)
FS Kris Van Norman (6-1, 200) 38
CB Neil Harris (6-0, 190) 11
P Grant Campbell (6-1, 185) 24

NEBRASKA

Tied-up Tigers seek victory over Huskers

Kickoff: 2:50 p.m. today before a sellout crowd of 76,000-plus at Nebraska's Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb. It marks the 122nd consecutive sellout for the Cornhuskers, a continuing NCAA record.

TV and Radio: ABC-TV (Columbia Channel 8) will telecast the game live to a Midwest regional audience. KCMQ (97 FM), KFRU (1400 AM) and KTGR (1580 AM) will broadcast the game live. KOMU-TV (Channel 8) will show highlights at noon Sunday.

Records: Fifth-ranked Nebraska is 5-1 on the season and 2-0 in the Big Eight, good enough to tie Oklahoma for the top spot. Missouri is 3-1-2 on the year, and the Tigers are looking for their first conference win after back-to-back ties.

Coaches: Missouri's Warren Powers, in his fifth season with the Tigers, is 34-18-2. Tenth-year Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne is 89-24-2.

Series: Nebraska leads 40-32-3, but Missouri has won three of the last four games at Lincoln.

Key Matchups: Missouri's defense will be asked to do something no one has accomplished this season — stop Nebraska's explosive offense. The Cornhuskers lead the nation in total offense (562 yards), rushing offense (404.2 yards) and scoring offense (42.8). Missouri answers with the nation's sixth-ranked defense, which is surrendering an average of 232.5 yards per game.

Nebraska is ranked third nationally in scoring defense (11.3 points per game), but Missouri must move the ball to keep the Cornhusker offense off the field.

Nebraska's Mike Rozier, the nation's third-leading rusher, is doubtful with a hip pointer.

COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN, Oct. 22, 1982

Osborne claims Tigers are not a 7th-place team

By Ravi Dasari
Missourian sportswriter

What's it like to be the ruler of a country?

Just ask Tom Osborne, head coach of the Big Eight champion Nebraska Cornhuskers. During the past year, he's had the distinct pleasure of playing a king's role as far as Big Eight country is concerned.

Osborne sits atop his throne in Lincoln, Neb., watching most of the other conference teams knock each other out of contention for the league championship while the Cornhuskers pound their opponents week after week. Then comes the annual season-ending match against Oklahoma for the title, with the winner earning a trip to the Orange Bowl in Miami.

That's been the pattern since 1961 — the last year a team other than Nebraska or Oklahoma won a Big Eight championship.

This year, the pattern seems well on its way to being sewn together again. After two conference games, no other teams except — you guessed it — the Cornhuskers and the Sooners have won a game. And, over the past few years, only Missouri has been consistently able to muster enough strength to squeeze themselves in and out of contention.

Except for Oklahoma, the Tigers are Nebraska's primary spoilers — Missouri has won three of the last four meetings in Lincoln — and Osborne readily admits it. That fact

worries him this week as his Nebraska team prepares to host the Tigers at 2:50 p.m. Saturday, in a game which will be regionally televised by ABC-TV (locally, channel 8).

Yes, the reigning king of Big Eight football is sincerely worried about playing Missouri, even though the Tigers are 25-point underdogs. What is really ironic about the matter is that he is concerned about a Missouri team which he was quoted as picking to finish seventh in a pre-season poll.

"I didn't ever think they were going to finish seventh," Osborne says. "I thought that they were one of the top three or four teams in the league."

A writer sat down and asked me to rate the teams in the conference. So I named the seven teams which I thought would be tough because of the balance in the league this year. I just happened to mention Missouri seventh on the list. But there's no way I felt they were seventh in the conference."

Midway through the overall schedule and two games into conference play, Missouri is tied for third in the Big Eight with an 0-0-2 record. That's good enough to land them a game behind leaders Nebraska and Oklahoma, who are both 2-0.

"I still believe it's a six-team race for the title," Osborne says. "Only Iowa State and Colorado are hurting right now. And I really believe Missouri has a very good team."

lot of points. We've been down before, but never more than maybe 10, 12 or 14. I don't think we've ever been that far down. But who knows? Maybe they're right. We'll find out."

Powers praised the Nebraska offense and defense and said the offensive unit was "much better" than that of past Cornhuskers teams because of quarterback Turner Gill.

Are Upsets Over Nebraska A Thing Of Past With MU?

By Dave Dorr
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, Oct. 23, 1982

Let's you forget, it is October. And if it's October, it's that time of autumn when the University of Missouri football team, lurking in the weeds, can be counted on to spring an unexpected upset.

The roller-coaster Tigers of the past were good at that. Up one week and down the next. When they were up, they were really up. Remember Al Onofrio's Tigers of 1976 and these scores? Missouri 22, Ohio State 21. Missouri 34, Nebraska 24.

How about Warren Powers' first season at the Tigers' helm in 1978 and these scores? Missouri 3, Notre Dame 0. Missouri 35, Nebraska 31.

There has not been anything remotely close to that kind of excitement for Missouri in 1982. As the Tigers head into their seventh game tomorrow at Nebraska, they're looking at a season that has been cluttered by crippling injuries, a passel of turnovers and an offense that has suffered one breakdown after another in the big games.

Mizzou is due. The Tigers have proved nothing with their 0-0-2 Big Eight Conference record other than that they are fit to be tied.

"Maybe this is the year of the tie in the Big Eight," said Powers.

When the Tigers line up tomorrow for the kickoff at 2:50 p.m. (KMOX-AM and KTVI-TV, Channel 2) they will be in control of their own destiny. They are 25-point underdogs.

That's why a victory tomorrow would rank with any of Missouri's great upsets of the past. Just the mention of "Nebraska" around Mizzou's practice field starts the Tigers' juices flowing.

The series takes on more dimension because of Powers' ties to the Cornhuskers. He was one of them. He played at Nebraska and later returned as an assistant on the staff there for eight years. There's something else about this series, too. Powers' relationship with Osborne has cooled, a reason perhaps that the rivalry between the two men is so heated.

It shows in the scores. James Wilder's four touchdowns took Mizzou to its 35-31 victory in 1978. The only blowout in the four games matching Osborne and Powers was in 1980 when the Huskers rolled, 38-16. Nebraska won, 23-20 in 1979, and 6-0 last season in a nail-biter that wasn't settled until the final 23 seconds.

To upend sixth-ranked Nebraska the Tigers will have to control the Cornhuskers' offensive line, something that all six of the Huskers' opponents this season have been unable to do.

Nebraska's five Clydesdales up front are said by some to be the best offensive line in the country this season and possibly the best ever at Nebraska. If so, that's a supreme compliment, inasmuch as Bob Devaney, Osborne's predecessor, won national championships in 1970 and 1971 with lines that were physical and fearsome.

There is no trickery in the basic Nebraska offense.

DAILY OKLAHOMAN, Oct. 22, 1982

Nebraska's Gill One of Best, Powers Asserts

LINCOLN, Neb. — Missouri coach Warren Powers leaves no doubt about what he thinks of the Nebraska football team.

He's impressed.

"This is undoubtedly one of the best football teams they've ever had at Nebraska," said Powers, whose team invades Nebraska's Memorial Stadium Saturday. "Turner Gill is probably one of the best quarterbacks in the country, if not the best."

"Nebraska has had other football teams with as much talent, but none with the caliber of quarterback that Gills gives them."

AP rankings

1. Washington (38)	6-0-0	1,113
2. Pitt (17)	5-0-0	1,050
3. Georgia (1)	6-0-0	974
4. So. Methodist	6-0-0	925
5. Nebraska	5-1-0	840
6. Arkansas	5-0-0	791
7. Alabama	5-1-0	753
8. Arizona State	7-0-0	740
9. Penn State	5-1-0	717
10. North Carolina	5-1-0	644
11. UCLA	5-0-1	559
12. Southern Cal	4-1-0	508
13. West Virginia	5-1-0	458
14. LSU	4-0-1	335
15. Notre Dame	4-1-0	272
16. Miami, Fla.	5-2-0	241
17. Florida State	5-1-0	194
18. Clemson	4-1-1	181
19. Texas	3-1-0	158
20. Oklahoma	4-2-0	65

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH, Oct. 21, 1982

Powers Surprised Tigers Are 25-point Underdogs

Special to the Post-Dispatch

COLUMBIA, Mo. — University of Missouri Coach Warren Powers finds it difficult to believe that Nevada oddsmakers have made Nebraska a 25-point favorite over the Tigers for Saturday's football game in Lincoln, Neb.

"It makes you wonder," Powers said. "Twenty-five points ... that's a

Nebraska Rallies To Defeat MU, 23-19

By Dave Dorr
Of the Post-Dispatch Staff

LINCOLN, Neb. — An Indian summer afternoon of what almost was pure fiction for the University of Missouri's football team turned to acrimony Saturday because of a concussion that knocked Nebraska's brilliant quarterback, Turner Gill, out of the game in the second period.

The bitter words and deeper feelings that boiled to the surface overshadowed tremendous performance by the Tigers and stained a 23-19 comeback victory by the Cornhuskers.

Of all the bruising, white-knuckle games the series between these teams has produced, Saturday's blockbuster was one of the best. For the Tigers, it was a day of high triumph and then despair. Mizzou appeared to have a firm grip on the game with 9 minutes left when Brad Burditt kicked a 51-yard field goal, the longest of his career, that gave the Tigers a 13-9 lead.

But the Cornhuskers, shut down repeatedly by a Mizzou defense that refused to bend, had the answers when they needed them. Playing without Gill for the entire second half, Nebraska rallied after Burditt's kick behind the running of 1-back Mike Rozier and Bruce Mathieson, a 6-foot-4 senior quarterback who was Gill's replacement.

The play that the whole game seemingly focused on occurred with 2 minutes 12 seconds remaining in the second quarter. Gill handed off to fullback Mark Moravek on a trap play.

Moravek dragged three Tigers defenders with him to the Mizzou 22-yard line, but it was what was happening back at the 32 that caught the attention of those in the crowd of 76,406 who saw it.

Missouri defensive tackle Randy Jostes, a senior from Omaha, Neb., of all places, broke through and drilled Gill with a forearm. As Gill lay crumpled on the AstroTurf, Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne angrily jumped up and down and pointed to the spot on the field where the hit was made.

Gill was assisted to the Huskers' bench, where he spent the rest of the half with his head in his hands and an ice bag on his neck. At halftime, the injury was diagnosed as a slight concussion.

The Tigers, leading by 7-6 when they returned to the field for the third quarter, were greeted with a chorus of boos. After the game, as the Missouri

No Cigar

MISSOURI	0	7	3	9	19
NEBRASKA	3	2	3	14	23
NEB — Seibel 33 FG					
MO — Gibler 1 pass from Perry (Richmond kick)					
NEB — Seibel 23 FG					
MO — Burditt 23 FG					
NEB — Seibel 29 FG					
MO — Burditt 51 FG					
NEB — Schellen 1 run (Seibel kick)					
NEB — Mathison 16 run (Seibel kick)					
MO — Gibler 24 pass from Hyde (pass failed)					
A — 76,406					

TEAM STATISTICS

	MO	NEB
First downs	20	22
Rushes-yards	40-86	54-319
Passing yards	211	77
Return yards	0	120
Passes	21-41-3	9-20-0
Punts	6-45	3-38
Fumbles-lost	0-0	4-3
Penalties-yards	4-15	4-19
Time of possession	31:16	28:44

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

RUSHING — Missouri, Perry 8-17, Mack 13-36, Barbosa 1-1, Snowden 11-48, Malvern 3-8, Drain 3-6, Hyde 1-6. Nebraska, Gill 7-35, Smith 8-54, Wilkenino 5-11, Crala 4-30, Rozier 17-139, Moravec 2-10, Mathison 8-37, Schellen 3-5.
PASSING — Missouri, Perry 18-34-3150, Hyde 3-7-0-61. Nebraska, Gill 4-10-0-42, Mathison 5-10-0-35.
RECEIVING — Missouri, Caver 7-90, Snowden 4-21, Mack 4-5, Gibler 4-68, White 1-13, Drain 1-14. Nebraska, Krenk 1-6, Fryar 2-14, Williams 2-19, Brown 1-14, Rozier 3-24.

team was filing into the Memorial Stadium corridor on its way to the dressing room, a Nebraska fan charged toward Mizzou Coach Warren Powers, yelling, "Cheap shot, Powers! Cheap shot!"

Powers turned, and then barged in the direction of the startled fan, screaming, "Cheap shot! You call that a cheap shot, you (bleep). Say it again!"

The two men, separated by a rope, stood five feet apart for a moment staring at each other but neither saying anything. Just then, Jim Donnan, one of Powers' assistant coaches, grabbed Powers and hustled him back inside. As the fan walked away he looked back over his shoulder and yelled, "Lot of class, Powers!"

Powers and Osborne have been at odds, a fact that is no secret. Powers, who played at Nebraska and was an Osborne assistant for six years, denied that Jostes' hit was intentional or late. Osborne would not comment on it.

"We've gone through this before," Osborne said. "It's part of the game. I guess."

The two coaches did not shake hands when the game ended.

"I guess he felt bad and wanted to go to the locker room," said Powers. In his postgame comments, Powers shrugged off the incident.

"I think it's totally ridiculous," he said. "They get paranoid about it. We don't cheap shot. You play hard and people get hurt. I have four people hurt in there. Maybe I could say they had cheap shots."

In the Missouri dressing room, Jostes described the play.

"Turner Gill handed the ball inside. He had his hands tucked in his belly and no one knew if he had the football or not. He's fair game. If he's in the game of football, he has to expect to get hit. As long as Missouri and Nebraska play, there'll be plenty of accusations."

Nebraska, ranked fifth by Associated Press and sixth by United Press International, went into the game leading the nation in total offense. The Cornhuskers ran for 155 yards in the first half but got only field goals of 33 and 23 yards from Kevin Seibel for their efforts. They might not have walked away Saturday with the win had Osborne not changed his mind and decided to use Rozier, who was questionable because of a hip pointer.

Osborne, apparently sensing the momentum Missouri was building, sent Rozier into the game early in the second quarter, right after Mizzou had gone ahead, 7-3, on a pass from the one-yard line by Tigers quarterback Brad Perry to tight end Andy Gibler.

The Cornhuskers finished with 396 yards in total offense. Rozier toted the ball 17 times for 139 yards.

Prior to Saturday, Missouri's offense never had caught fire. But the Tigers put it together as Perry, calling a textbook game at times, completed 18 of 34 passes for 150 yards and the TD to Gibler. He was intercepted three times.

Gibler (four receptions for 68 yards) and flanker James Caver (seven receptions for 90 yards) were the key targets of Perry's sprint-out passes into the flats and look-ins down the middle.

Missouri lost its freshman running back, Santos Barbosa, on the fifth play of the game because of strained ankle ligaments. Forced into action, Wallace Snowden responded with 48 yards on 11 carries. Tracey Mack had 36 yards on 13 carries.

Mizzou finished with 86 rushing yards and passed for 211.

The defeat left Missouri with a 3-2-2 overall record. The Tigers are 0-1-2 in

the Big Eight Conference. Nebraska is 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the Big Eight.

A Missouri defense, led by linebacker Jay Wilson's 16 tackles and 10 more by defensive end Taft Sales, stopped five Huskers drives in the first half. After Gill was hurt, the Tigers halted Nebraska at the Mizzou six on third down and Seibel followed with his 24-yard field goal.

Gibler's TD capped a 66-yard drive which Perry engineered with three big plays, all 13-yard passes. One went to Gibler, one to Craig White and one to Caver.

After claiming the first half, Missouri in the third quarter increased its lead to 10-6 on a 23-yard field goal by Burditt. Nebraska made it 10-9 late in the quarter on Seibel's 49-yard field goal. Burditt's kick was half a loaf. A tooth-rattling hit by the Tigers' Bob Curry had forced a fumble by Nebraska fullback Doug Wilkenino at the Cornhuskers' five. Bobby Bell recovered the ball for Missouri. But the Tigers they had to settle for Burditt's kick.

So at the start of the final quarter Missouri had held the most potent offensive team in the country to three field goals and stood 15 minutes away from an upset of gigantic proportions.

A weird exchange in which a Perry pass intended for Caver was intercepted by Nebraska's Dave Burke and then fumbled back to the Tigers by Burke at the Nebraska 46 led to Missouri's other opportunity that misfired. Perry moved the Tigers to the 23. After an 11-yard sack of Perry pushed Missouri back to the 34, Perry on third-and-22 lofted a pass toward the corner of the end zone that skipped off Caver's fingers at the two. A TD and an extra point would have given the Tigers a 17-9 cushion and changed the complexion of things. As it was, Mizzou settled for Burditt's 51-yarder and a 13-9 lead.

Nebraska took the kickoff, and with Rozier carrying the mail four times went 79 yards to go ahead, 16-13, as Mark Schellen banged over from the one. There was 4:46 left in the game.

Nebraska followed this up by intercepting Perry at the Cornhuskers' 24. Three plays later, Mathison scooted 16 yards on a keeper around right end for a TD and the Huskers had a 23-13 lead.

Powers, irked by Perry's interceptions, went to little-used Mike Hyde for Missouri's last-gasp drive that resulted in a 24-yard TD pass from Hyde to Gibler.

KANSAS CITY STAR.

Huskers rate MU defense as No. 1

By JOE MCGUFF
The Star's sports editor

The sporting scene: The ensuing words of praise may be of limited consolation to the Missouri Tigers, who have a 3-2-2 record, but two key members of the Nebraska offense, quarterback Turner Gill and running back Mike Rozier, rate the Missouri defense the best they have played against this season.

"Missouri gave us a pretty hard time," Rozier said. "They're the best defensive team we've faced."

Gill thinks the Huskers have been at their offensive peak for the last two games, but even so they had trouble with the Tigers.

"It's Missouri. They're the best we've seen," Gill said. "They read a lot of things we were doing. We stopped ourselves some, but they were good."

Big Eight

All Games

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Nebraska	6	1	0	250	87
Oklahoma	5	2	0	162	100
Iowa State	4	2	1	170	91
Kansas State	4	2	1	159	105
Missouri	3	2	2	122	101
Oklahoma State	1	3	2	122	135
Kansas	1	4	2	113	163
Colorado	1	5	1	96	185

Conference

	W	L	T	PF	PA
Nebraska	3	0	0	105	46
Oklahoma	3	0	0	78	26
Kansas State	1	1	1	56	50
Iowa State	1	1	1	51	44
Oklahoma State	0	1	2	58	77
Missouri	0	1	2	43	47
Colorado	0	2	1	54	96
Kansas	0	2	1	45	98

Saturday Results

Iowa State 31, Colorado 14
Kansas State 36, Kansas 7
Nebraska 23, Missouri 19
Oklahoma 27, Oklahoma State 9



Despite pressure from Nebraska's Mike Knox (44) and Toby Williams, quarterback Brad Perry of

Missouri gets off a pass Saturday. Wallace Snowden (40) is blocking for Perry

WEST COUNTY (St. Louis) JOURNAL, Oct. 27, 1982

Fast Friends In Heated Battle

It was tough to find many friends on the opposite side of the field Saturday afternoon in Lincoln, Neb. There the nationally ranked Cornhuskers came from behind to clip Missouri 23-19. MU quarterback Brad Perry had to amplify his voice to be heard over the anything-but-friendly Cornhusker crowd (above), but still managed to direct one TD drive in the first half. Brad Burditt also hit a pair of field goals giving the Tigers a temporary 13-9 lead before the Huskers roared back in the fourth quarter.

And somehow amid fierce battle, the hard feelings and charges of cheap shots exchanged by both sides, two Lindbergh High School teammates, Mike Hyde (left) and Randy Theiss took time to renew an old friendship.

Hyde led Missouri to its final TD in the waning moments Saturday while Nebraska's Theiss anchored the Husker offensive line all afternoon.



Missouri's Hyde (left) and Nebraska's Theiss renew old friendships — on the grid.

Loss leaves Missouri resolved

By RICHARD PARRISH
Globe-Democrat Sportswriter

LINCOLN, Neb. — The lengthening shadows of late afternoon already had disappeared in the darkness of Nebraska's Memorial Stadium Saturday. It was a fitting scene for the expected mood of gloom in the Missouri Tigers' locker room.

Dejection did make an occasional invasion into the Tigers' temporary den. And from time to time, a sadness crept within the Tigers' thoughts. But the prevailing mood in Missouri's locker room was one of resolution and determination.

The Tigers were not celebrating their 23-19 loss to fifth-ranked Nebraska, now 6-1 overall and 3-0 in the Big Eight Conference. But neither were the Tigers, 3-2-2 and 0-1-2 in the league, mourning their defeat. Even though they were stung hard by the loss, their sense of accomplishment and their hopes for the future shut most of the doubt and disappointment out of their minds.

"NOBODY GAVE US a chance," Missouri cornerback Demetrius Johnson said. "We were 25-point underdogs. But we were controlling a team that was supposed to be so powerful. That shows you what kind of team we have."

None of the Huskers' previous opponents this season had played defense the way the Tigers played it Saturday. No other team had held the country's No. 1-ranked offense to so few points and yards.

"I think our defense is one of the best in the country," Missouri coach Warren Powers said.

Yet, once again, Missouri came up

short. Nebraska, after trailing 7-6 at the half and 10-9 after three quarters, scored two fourth-quarter touchdowns to beat the Tigers for the fourth straight year.

"When you feel that you've got them," Tiger quarterback Brad Perry said, "then it seems like someone pulled the plug."

After Missouri's Brad Burditt kicked a 51-yard field goal — the third longest in Mizzou history — to give the Tigers a 13-9 lead with 9:07 to play, the powerful Huskers marched 79 yards in 12 plays, scoring on a 1-yard run by fullback Mark Schellen.

NEBRASKA I-BACK Mike Rozier ran four times for 52 yards on the drive, including a 27-yard run to take the ball to the Missouri 1. Rozier, who did not start because of a hip pointer, entered the game early in the second quarter and ran 17 times for 139 yards.

"I don't think anyone will ever realize the courage that Mike Rozier showed today," said Nebraska coach Tom Osborne, who inserted Rozier in the game after Missouri took a 7-3 lead. "I didn't think he'd last more than three or four plays. It's pretty obvious what he means to our team."

Missouri defensive tackle Randy Jostes couldn't believe that Rozier was hurting.

"Shoot, it didn't look like he was hurt when he ran by us," Jostes said. "I want to get me a hip pointer tomorrow if it will make me run like that."

Jostes, whose home is Omaha, was involved in the day's most controversial play when his second-quarter hit on Nebraska quarterback Turner Gill resulted in Gill suffering a mild concussion and missing the remainder

of the game.

Nebraska trailed 7-3 when backup Bruce Mathison replaced Gill. Mathison proceeded to complete a Husker drive for a 24-yard Kevin Seibel field goal just before the half. Seibel kicked three field goals — from 33, 24 and 29 yards — to keep Nebraska close until the final quarter.

THE TIGERS HAD benefitted early from a Nebraska fumble at the Missouri 9 and a couple of dropped passes that would have been Husker touchdowns. Missouri took a 7-3 lead in the second quarter when quarterback Brad Perry executed a perfect fake to running back Tracey Mack and then threw to tight end Andy Gibler on a fourth-and-goal play from the 1.

The Tigers settled for a 23-yard Burditt field goal in the third quarter when, ahead 7-6, they recovered a Nebraska fumble at the Huskers' 5. Missouri could not punch it across the goal line, losing a yard in three plays.

"That's the kind of stuff you have to capitalize on," Tiger flanker James Caver said. Caver was open in the end zone on a second-down play, but Perry's pass was batted down.

CAVER ALSO CAME close to a touchdown catch before Burditt's 51-yard field goal in the fourth quarter. On a third-down play at the Nebraska 34, Perry's pass went off Caver's hands inside the 5-yard line.

"It was right on my fingertips," said Caver, who had seven catches for 90 yards. "I couldn't pull it in though."

Nebraska then got the go-ahead touchdown and added another on a 16-yard Mathison run after Husker linebacker Brent Evans intercepted a

Perry pass and returned it to the Missouri 19.

The Tigers, however, didn't lay down in the final minutes. Mike Hyde relieved Perry at quarterback and moved Missouri 80 yards in 10 plays. Hyde was 3-for-7 passing for 61 yards on the drive, which consumed 1:43. Gibler, who Saturday became Mizzou's career pass reception leader with 93 catches, caught passes for 30 and 24 yards, the last going for a touchdown.

A two-point conversion pass was knocked down and Mizzou's attempted onside kick was covered by Nebraska with 53 seconds to play. The Huskers then were able to run out the clock.

The play of Nebraska's specialty teams made a big difference for the Huskers, who had 120 yards in returns to none for Missouri.

IN PRAISING MISSOURI'S play, Osborne also hurled a challenge their way.

"I don't know if Missouri will play any better than they did today," he said.

It's a challenge the Tigers are ready to accept.

"My attitude is we're not gonna give up," Missouri offensive guard Bernard Luster said. "We got four games to go and we ain't giving nobody anything. We ain't gonna lay down for nobody. They better look out because we're gonna come to play ball."

"Maybe we didn't win this one," added Luster. "But this is gonna give us some momentum to push and we're gonna push everybody. This wasn't a fluke. They didn't give us anything. We took it from them."



Huskers avoid 'dark' day

LINCOLN, NEB. — No question as to who did a terrible job early last week. It was the person or person who established Nebraska as a 24-point favorite over Missouri in a series that rivals the feuds of dogs vs. cats, Hatfields vs. McCoy's and germs vs. penicillin.

Two sources of potential embarrassment were avoided here Saturday, both by margins even more narrow than you might conclude. No. 1, of course, was that, after trailing most of the game, the Huskers pulled it out, 23-19.

No. 2 was that they did it before daylight expired, or even ran so low that the people who televised this game regionally for ABC didn't run out of enough light for the camera, even through Musco was missing.

The Musco mobile lighting folks from Oskaloosa, Ia., came here to set up early in the week, for the customary fee of \$50,000. But, because network and school officials decided the daylight would endure long enough even though the starting time was reset for 2:50 p.m., the Iowans were given \$10,000 and sent home with their lights.

The sun was a little late in shining here Saturday in two ways, and you may be sure there were many sighs of relief about 2 p.m. when Ol' Sol broke through the cloud cover and furnished enough light for the 6 p.m. windup.

The day brightened considerably for in-house Husker fans late in the final period when Mike Rozier, a wounded I-back who couldn't even walk properly as late as Wednesday, came along to finally get a ground attack going and allow third-string fullback Mark Schellen to dive for a go-ahead touchdown.

Shortly thereafter, following an interception, reserve quarterback Bruce Mathison ran a yard for what proved to be the winning points.

"It was really a very, very tough game," Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said after it was over. "I don't know if we're good enough to win this league."

On Saturday's performance, it won't be a cakewalk if they do.

ANOTHER SOURCE of potential embarrassment was avoided when Osborne and his troops decided to clam up on a play in which quarterback Turner Gill suffered a concussion and missed part of the second quarter and all of the second half.

Gill had handed off on a running play, but Randy Jostes, a large defensive tackle who hails from Omaha of all places, came charging with the finesse of a bulldozer and apparently ran over the top of the quarterback, his huge arms meeting up with Gill's head and shoulders.

"I would rather Turner Gill played the whole game. If the quarterback carries out the fake, we have to honor it," Jostes said after the game. "Nebraska players were great sportsmen."

Gill, who furnishes a great deal of the fireworks in the Husker attack, was taken to the bench and sat the rest of the half with head down and ice bag on his neck. Then he was helped to the dressing room and was taken to a hospital for examination and observation.

It was obviously a late hit, but there was no penalty.

Irate M.U. officials see red over ABC coverage

By Chuck Finder
Missourian sportswriter

The three gentlemen on the other end of the conference call were a bit upset, to say the least.

Donn Bernstein, ABC's director of college football, said he received a long-distance telephone call Tuesday afternoon from three angry men — Missouri athletic director Dave Hart, associate athletic director Jack Lengyel and head football coach Warren Powers — who were displeased with some statements made by part-time ABC announcer Tom Gatewood during the regional telecast of the Missouri-Nebraska football game Saturday in Lincoln, Neb.

Bernstein said ABC is reviewing the broadcast at Missouri's request to determine whether Gatewood was biased or made negative comments about the Tigers, who lost the game 23-19.

"They made it extremely clear they were not very pleased with the state of the broadcast. Extremely clear," Bernstein said Tuesday evening in a telephone interview with the Missourian. "They were extremely, extremely angry with the approach Gatewood took."

Athletic department officials are, well, extremely upset with comments Gatewood reportedly made about the Tigers' style of play. They maintained that he said Missouri employed "dirty tactics."

"Warren did say the words 'dirty play' were used," Bernstein said. "He's obviously concerned. This is no passing thing."

Said Powers: "I've never heard anything like that on a football broadcast in my life. There's an idiot on TV who just got carried away."

Although Missouri can't sue ABC over the matter because actual damages cannot be proven, athletic department officials said they would like ABC to apologize.

"We're not through with ABC," Powers added. "We're complaining about it. They owe the University of Missouri an apology. . . they owe the whole state of Missouri an apology. I've heard that some people have been calling ABC. As far as I'm concerned, the whole state should call them."

"It's a very, very sensitive issue," Bernstein said.

The issue began when Missouri defensive tackle Randy Jostes, a native of Ralston, Neb., hit Nebraska quarterback Turner Gill midway through the second quarter. Gill had to be helped off the field; he sustained a mild concussion and never returned to the game.

However, Bernstein said what irks Missouri officials is not what Gatewood said during the play, but what he said as the telecast progressed.

"Tom Gatewood's approach and subsequent comments in the second half seem to be the area of concern," Bernstein said. "They are concerned that he is not a student of the game. . . (and made) negative comments and certain specific comments toward the Missouri football team and its style of play."

Gatewood, who played football at Notre Dame from 1969-71, works part-time for ABC as a color commentator and is employed as a sports broadcaster by RKO Radio in New York. He could not be reached for comment.

Bernstein said he was interrupted continuously while reviewing the broadcast Tuesday afternoon and stopped watching after the first half.

"I have deferred the damn thing until tomorrow (Wednesday)," he said. "I haven't really had the chance to digest the thing. I have to see what he said."

Bernstein said after he reviews the game, he will present manuscripts of Gatewood's comments and game films to Chuck Howard, ABC's senior producer and vice president of production.

Bernstein added: "Even Tom Gatewood, who I have spoken with, said, 'I've got to come up and take a look at it. I can't recall every pulse beat and every second.'"

If ABC decides to take action, that action will be decided by Gatewood, Bernstein said.

"There's no set rules, such as 'You are found guilty, fined \$25 and are taken off the air for two weeks,'" he said.

WICHITA EAGLE-BEACON, Oct. 25, 1982

Reserve Helps Huskers Nip MU

LINCOLN, Neb. — Reserve quarterback Bruce Mathison engineered a long fourth-quarter drive that produced the winning touchdown, then ran for an insurance score a little over two minutes later as fifth-rated Nebraska came from behind to beat stubborn Missouri, 23-19, Saturday in Big Eight Conference football.

Fullback Mark Schellen, also a reserve, scored on a 1-yard run with 4:45 left in the game to cap a 79-yard, 11-play drive that wiped out a 13-9 Missouri lead.

Less than a minute later, Nebraska linebacker Brent Evans intercepted a Missouri pass and three plays after that Mathison darted 16 yards for a touchdown with 2:10 remaining.

The late flurry lifted Nebraska to 6-1 on the season and 3-0 in the Big Eight. Missouri, which held the Cornhuskers' potent offense in check for most of the game, fell to 3-2-2 and 0-1-2.

Missouri's Mike Hyde threw a 24-yard touchdown pass to tight end Andy Gibler with less than a minute to play to account for the final margin.

Missouri took a 13-9 lead when Brad Burditt kicked a 51-yard field goal with 9:07 left in the game. The kick came nine plays after Nebraska's Dave Burke fumbled the ball back to the Tigers at his own 46-yard-line after intercepting a pass.

Mathison, who replaced the injured starter Turner Gill late in the first half, teamed with I-back Mike Rozier to key Nebraska's winning touchdown drive. Mathison completed three of three passes in the march

Cornhuskers Won't Forget Gill's Injury

By DAVE DORR
ST. LOUIS GLOBE-DEMOCRAT
Oct. 27, 1982

In Nebraska's fourth-quarter comeback Saturday, both sides covered themselves with enough glory to last for many weekends. It was a comeback that wiped out what would have been a colossal upset by a Missouri team that few were taking seriously.

Only the purists will remember that Mizzou kept the nation's best collegiate offense out of the end zone for 55 minutes, or the 139 tough yards that Cornhuskers I-back Mike Rozier ran for, or the passing of Mizzou quarterbacks Brad Perry and Mike Hyde.

What most will in the 23-19 Huskers victory is the hit that Tigers defensive tackle Randy Jostes delivered to Nebraska quarterback Turner Gill late in the second quarter. Gill suffered a slight concussion. He was disoriented in the Nebraska dressing room at halftime and missed the rest of the game.

That hit, and its consequences, will be imbedded in the consciousness of Nebraska fans for a long time. It will be cussed and discussed, and it will be used as fuel for the smoldering coals in the days before the Cornhuskers play at Mizzou next Oct. 15.

It is an undeniable fact that this series is developing into one of the Big Eight Conference's spirited grudge matches. There's bad blood at work here. The differences between the coaches, Missouri's Warren Powers and Nebraska's Tom Osborne, are personal in nature and probably began about the time that Powers was finishing up a six-year term as an assistant to Osborne.

It didn't help in Nebraska when Powers ended his first season in 1978 at Mizzou by beating his alma mater at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, 35-31. Powers was, after all, one of their own. He played at Nebraska. Jostes, too, is one of the Cornhuskers' own. He is from Omaha.

The Powers-OSborne feud, no matter what its proportion, is not the undercurrent that is inflaming Nebraska feelings. It really was not much of an issue until 1979 in Nebraska's 23-20 victory at Columbia when the Cornhuskers' Jarvis Redwine, blocking on an extra point, wound up with a damaged knee when hit by Mizzou's Norman Goodman.

Worn Kansas tackles wait for Nebraska

By Mark Lee
K.U. Sports Correspondent

Lawrence, Kan.—It is a time of crisis that sometimes borders on despair for Kansas defensive tackles Broderick Thompson and Mark Wilbers. Despite bruised bodies and wounded spirits, both are trying to survive their last football season in a Jayhawk uniform. KU is 1-4-2 with four games left.

The 36-7 loss to Kansas State Saturday was the biggest blow, but things could get worse this Saturday when it is KU vs. Nebraska. The Cornhuskers, 6-1 and sixth-ranked in the country, have won the last 13 games with KU. A Kansas loss would assure KU of a losing season.

"We have to do more hitting against the Nebraska line or they will kill us," said Wilbers, starting right tackle.

The Cornhuskers are rated first in the country in rushing offense (392 yards per game) and first in

scoring offense (40.0). The KU defense is next to last in rushing defense (263.9).

After getting only one play against Oklahoma because of an injured right ankle, Thompson said he is ready to face a national powerhouse line again.

"They have a class group," Thompson said of Nebraska. "You have to separate them from other teams. They're bigger and stronger, but not as quick as they used to be. Their philosophy seems to be to line up and knock your defense off the ball."

"We have to play aggressively and not get knocked off the ball. If everybody can carry out their assignments, we'll be improved this week."

Kansas will need all the emotion and intense effort it can muster. Nebraska's I-back, Mike Rozier, is the third-leading rusher in the nation, averaging 143.6 yards a game. Rozier, who played with a hip pointer, got 139 yards in just 13 carries in Nebraska's 23-19 vic-

tory over Missouri Saturday.

Rozier was named Big Eight Offensive Player of the Week. But he isn't the only explosive back the Huskers have. Roger Craig has caused KU problems in the past.

Thompson compared Rozier and Craig to Oklahoma State's running back Ernest Anderson, who leads the nation in rushing with an average of 183.5 yards a game. Anderson rushed for 270 yards against Kansas.

"You can't arm tackle any of those backs," Thompson said. "You have to get your face into them and throw them on the ground. Rozier is a hard runner and Anderson is like a fireplug."

"But I think we can contain Craig. I caused Craig to have two fumbles in the first half of last year's game. The big play has been missing from our defense this year. We will have to make our own breaks against Nebraska."

Wilbers couldn't play last week

because of a pinched nerve in his neck, but he will start Saturday.

"We have to play our best game against Nebraska," Wilbers said. "I believe we are just as good as the other defenses. It's just a matter of getting out there and doing it. We can't just talk about it. We have to do it."

Kansas State rushed for its season-high of 287 yards against Kansas. Oklahoma rolled for 570 yards in rushes against KU.

"For a couple of games I felt like I was sitting back and not hitting like I should be," Wilbers said. "Maybe I was getting too caught up with reading the defense instead of hitting the guy in front of me."

"When some people said we were not trying and didn't have any emotion or intensity in our play, it really bothered me," Wilbers said. "I can't buy that. It's still bugging me. I go out there and play the best I can every time, because I have to."

Nebraska's wreckers roll on

By JONATHAN RAND

If you were in Kansas Memorial Stadium each time Nebraska came rolling in since 1970, you'd have seen a familiar pattern of destruction by the Cornhuskers: 41-20, 56-0, 31-3, 63-21, 54-0 and, on Saturday, 52-0.

Not only have the scores looked alike but so has Nebraska's offense, which is not so much an offense as an institution.

The scores and numbers change

Associated Press

1. Pitt (48)	7-0-0	1,181
2. So. Methodist (5)	8-0-0	1,095
3. Georgia (3)	8-0-0	1,092
4. Arizona State (3)	8-0-0	986
5. Arkansas (1)	7-0-0	964
6. Nebraska	7-1-0	891
7. Penn State	7-1-0	850
8. Alabama	7-1-0	754
9. UCLA	7-0-1	727
10. Washington	7-1-0	660
11. LSU	6-0-1	602
12. Florida State	6-1-0	543
13. Clemson	5-1-1	415
14. Oklahoma	6-2-0	306
15. Michigan	6-2-0	294
16. Southern Cal	5-2-0	281
17. West Virginia	6-2-0	277
18. North Carolina	5-2-0	233
19. Maryland	6-2-0	184
20. Florida	5-2-0	121

KANSAS CITY TIMES, Oct. 30, 1982

This Red Sea (de)parts

Nebraskans possess a passion for their football team that produces thousand-mile pilgrimages, zany icons

By Steve Richardson
A Member of the Sports Staff

Most days, Nebraska is an ecumenical state. There's room for Methodists, Catholics, Baptists or any other denominations.

On Saturdays, though, the fervent faith is Cornhuskers football. Services normally consist of the Big Red beating an opponent into submission.

The house of worship today is Memorial Stadium in Lawrence, Kan., where the home of the Kansas Jayhawks will be transformed into the traveling Chautauqua tent for the Big Red. More than 20,000 red-clad fans will fill part of the stands and much of the north end zone, watching sixth-ranked Nebraska try for its 14th straight victory over the Jayhawks.

"We are blessed with really great fans up here and they do attend the road games quite a bit," Nebraska center Dave Rimington said, "because the ticket situation is real rough to get a lot of people from the western part of Nebraska. They can't get to Lincoln on Saturday and it gives them a chance to go down to Kansas and watch us. It's always pleasurable to see all the red in the stands and it makes us feel a little more like home."

It is a phenomenon that James Michener, in his book *Sports in America*, says exists only in Nebraska and Alabama. Both states have university teams that wear red, have great football traditions and have little major-league professional sports competition. Another Big Red, Oklahoma, would be included by some in the category.

In Nebraska, football isn't a game, it's a mania.

It has been going on for years in the cornfed state. And if you think red will be a big color in Lawrence today, you should see it in 75,807-seat Memorial Stadium in Lincoln, Neb. The home of the Huskers has been jammed for 122 consecutive games, an open-ended National Collegiate Athletic Association record.

Those that can't see the Cornhuskers at home don't spare any expense catching their act on a roadshow that even crosses oceans.

On Dec. 4, Nebraska will play the University of Hawaii Rainbows in Honolulu. Nebraska got 7,500 tickets from the Rainbows, but there were 22,000 ticket requests. Tickets will be distributed on a priority basis of donors, then season-ticket owners, etc.

Two years ago, there was behind-the-scenes talk between Nebraska and Kansas State officials about possibly moving the games played between the two teams in Manhattan, Kan., to Arrowhead Stadium in Kansas City. The reason? Of Kansas State's top 10 crowds at 42,000-seat KSU Stadium, four have been against Nebraska. The thought was: Why not take the game to 78,067-seat Arrowhead, where

even more Nebraska fans could attend? No action was ever taken.

A scout from the Fiesta Bowl said he was amazed last year when he arrived in Stillwater, Okla., for a game between Oklahoma State and Nebraska. "There were 7,000 fans there from Nebraska for what I considered a less-than-important conference game," the scout said.

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Despite the undying love of the Cornhuskers' fans for their team, plans to expand Memorial Stadium have met with a resistance that made the road-game ticket even more precious.

In 1979, the Nebraska Board of Regents rejected a proposal that would have added 9,000 seats. There had been 20,000 ticket requests when Nebraska officials took a sampling of interest.

"I think they were thinking of the aesthetics of the stadium and the economy," said Don Bryant, assistant athletic director and sports information director for the Huskers. "The cost per seat was also high. In light of what has happened, maybe they should have expanded."

"Still, it was going to be very expensive, and some of the seats were going to be very high and some people might have had a tough time seeing. Other people wanted to build an entire new complex. They just couldn't decide."

Last Oct. 18, the *Omaha World-Herald* infuriated Nebraska officials when it obtained and published a list of Nebraska season-ticket holders. Bob Devaney, Nebraska athletic director and former head football coach, said, "It may put some stigma on the people and the companies with large numbers of tickets."

One of the more interesting facts uncovered by the *World-Herald* story was that *Lincoln Journal* Editor Joe R. Seacrest was listed with 50 season tickets, second-most held by a single person.

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Although it may be difficult to see a Cornhuskers game, fans can obtain enough memorabilia to stock a house and dream about their heroes. Perhaps the most prominent of many souvenir shops in Lincoln is Cornhusker Corner, housed in a red and white building across the street from the stadium that's jammed on game days.

A little more subtle is the Nebraska Bookstore in downtown Lincoln. A catalog from there advertises "Go Big Red" panties for women and matching briefs for men. Another offering is the red Nebraska nightshirt, which says "Nebraska" and "Night School."

If one doesn't empty one's wallet on the bright red Nebraska toilet seat, Cornhuskers-loving tots can also be satisfied with a "Go Big Red" baby bottle. Instead of ounce markings on its side, it has, "End of first quarter . . . end of second quarter . . ."

There is *Huskers Illustrated*, a 20-issue-a-year magazine that covers Cornhuskers sports in detail and has a \$24.95 subscription price.

The newest item on the market is an album called "Big Red Country" recorded by country-music singers Bobby and Arleen Harden. One song is titled "Nebraska 67, Kansas 1."

The lyrics portray an old truck driver who becomes puzzled after hearing the score on the radio. He drives several miles and wonders whether he is going mad. Finally, he figures out, Kansas was awarded a point out of sympathy.



Nebraska fullback Mark Moravec tries to break free of two Kansas defenders in last week's 52-0 win against the Jayhawks in KU's Memorial Stadium.

FIRST DOWN photo by Dave Betz

NU Does All It Wants In 52-0 Rout of Kansas

WICHITA EAGLE-BEACON, Oct. 31, 1982

By Rick Plumlee

LAWRENCE — Only Moses could've saved Kansas Saturday.

He was a no-show. But about 25,000 Nebraska fans were there, accounting for almost half of the crowd at Memorial Stadium.

And Nebraska's players accounted for all the football as KU drowned in the Red Sea, 52-0, the Jayhawks' worst defeat since the Cornhuskers blew into town two years ago and won, 54-0.

"We did," said Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne, "pretty much what we wanted." And then some.

THE SIXTH-RANKED Cornhuskers revved up their offensive engine, the nation's best and one lauded to be the best ever at Nebraska, and rolled to 546 yards in total offense, 426 on the ground.

Meanwhile, KU's offense could run for a total of only 6 yards and pass for just 63. Against a defense that Nebraska considers average.

"A lot of teams in the country would like to have Nebraska's defense," KU Coach Don Fambrough said. "Maybe it's not as good as some of the Nebraska defenses in the past years, but they're winning with it."

Saturday's outcome was easily predictable. The Cornhuskers also lead the country in rushing, and KU has the second-worst rushing defense among the 97 major-college teams.

New Mexico State is 97th and it lost to Nebraska, 68-0, in September.

"I knew it would take almost a miracle for us to beat Nebraska," Fambrough said. "We could've played almost perfectly and done everything right ... then we might've had a chance."

What others said:

KU coach DON FAMBROUGH: "I told the football team that it would take almost a miracle for us to beat a team like Nebraska. We're just not that good. I think we probably played against one of the best teams in the nation, and I would have to say they are the best offensive team."

KU nose guard DAVE MEHRER (in comparing Rozier with Oklahoma's Marcus Dupree): Hey, I'm just a nose guard. All I get to see is a bunch of legs and try to hit them. I think today showed we don't have a lack of enthusiasm or hard work.

ASSOCIATED PRESS: Nebraska, the nation's leader in scoring, rushing and total offense, led the surprisingly scrappy Jayhawks only 7-0 after the first quarter and 17-0 at halftime.

KU quarterback MIKE BOHN: I was so impressed I want to see the Huskers do it again, but on film.

BUT THE Jayhawks, 1-5-2 overall and 0-3-1 in the Big Eight, were far from perfect. The only thing that saved them from further abuse was that Nebraska didn't play particularly well in the first half and led only 17-0 at halftime.

However, as the Huskers blitzed KU with 21 points in the third quarter, those selling "Fam Should Scram" buttons in the stands found their business picking up.

"In the first half," said KU line-backer Mike Arbanas, "Nebraska had some breakdowns because of some defenses we prepared especially for this game."

"But they adjusted in the second half. And they did what they wanted. They always do."

No doubt KU's cause was hurt by not having quarterback Frank Seurer, who did not play because of a separated left shoulder. Senior Mike Bohn, whose entire varsity experience amounted to a half-dozen plays the week before, was the replacement. Nor did tailback Kerwin Bell play, supposedly because of a sore knee.

How They Scored

First Quarter
NU 7, KU 0 — 8:56, Moravec 18 run (Seibel kick). Drove opening possession 80 yards in 14 plays, all but 2 plays on the ground. Twice Huskers refused to settle for field goal on fourth down. Once on 4th-and-2 at 30, and then 4th-and-1 at 18 that Moravec turned into a TD.

Second Quarter
NU 10, KU 0 — 5:24, Seibel 33 FG. NU was near the end of an apparent TD drive with 1st-and-goal at the 7. But QB Turner Gill fumbled and the ball bounced and was kicked back for a 22-yard loss before Mike Rozier recovered for Huskers. KU's Elvis Patterson appeared to have a handle on the ball with nothing but daylight ahead, but he kicked it out of his own hands. Field goal came on 4th-and-goal from 15.

NU 17, KU 0 — 1:44, Williams 12 pass from Gill (Seibel kick). NU needed only six plays to go 44 yards and three were passes. No one was within 10 yards of Williams in end zone.

Third Quarter
NU 24, KU 0 — 11:26, Rozier 25 run (Seibel kick). NU bit off chunks of yardage in big gulps, moving 56 yards in only four plays. Rozier easily stepped around two attempted tackles on scoring run.

NU 31, KU 0 — 9:57, Smith 1 run (Seibel kick). Set up by Allen Lyday's recovery of Robert Mimbs' fumble at KU 13.

NU 38, KU 0 — 5:55, Rozier 27 run (Seibel kick). NU bit off bigger chunks, going 72 yards in only five plays. Illegal hands nullified a 22-yard TD run by Rozier. No matter. Next play he went 27 yards for TD.

On the other hand, their presence probably would've made little difference.

"Last year KU gave us a pretty good fight. We were expecting more of the same because they have most of the same people," Nebraska line-backer Steve Damkroger said. "I never saw much fire in their eyes."

PERHAPS THE Jayhawks were blinded by the blur of Nebraska's offense. The Cornhuskers had to punt only once to KU's 10 times. In fact, they've only punted three times in the last three games and just 19 times in eight games (KU has punted 59 times).

"There's no doubt about it," said Cornhusker tight end Jamie Williams, who caught four passes for 63 yards and a touchdown, "our offense is gooooooood. Real gooooooood!"

"Eighty percent of the time we're stopped, we stop ourselves. It's because we use good fundamentals. Our linemen use good blocking techniques. Our running backs use good techniques."

Fourth Quarter
NU 45, KU 0 — 9:06, Smith 65 punt return (Seibel kick). Smith made two cuts, one shake and the ex-Wichita Southeast star was free. NU's Wade Praeuner wiped out KU punter Bucky Scribner on a block at 15.

NU 52, KU 0 — 2:59, Mason 1 run (Seibel kick). Most aggressive KU was against the Huskers' 3rd- and 4th-stringers on the 66-yard drive was when "Hawks" Tim Davis jerked Mason's face mask after the NU quarterback had scored.

	Nebraska	KU
First downs	32	7
Rushes-yards	68-426	36-6
Passing yards	120	63
Return yards	129	0
Passes	11-18-0	4-14-1
Punts	1-48	10-48
Fumbles-lost	2-1	3-2
Penalties-yards	6-46	7-75
Time of Possession	34:27	25:33

Nebraska	7	10	21	14	—	52
Kansas	0	0	0	0	—	0

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INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS
RUSHING — Nebraska, Rozier 16-123, Craig 14-82, Brungardt 4-51, Kansas, Mimbs 12-34, D. Bell 3-18, Taylor 10-8.
PASSING — Nebraska, Gill 10-14-0-115, Mason 1-2-0-5, Kansas, Bohn 4-13-1-63, Frederick 0-1-0-0.
RECEIVING — Nebraska, Williams 4-63, Swanson 3-32, Brown 2-13, Kansas, Mimbs 1-21, D. Bell 1-20, Green 1-13.

And talk about running, Nebraska battered KU with 10 running backs.

Mike Rozier was the class of the bunch. The former Coffeyville Junior College star didn't start because of a hip pointer, but still carried 16 times for 123 yards.

"Mike is what makes us so good offensively," Nebraska center Dave Rimington said. "He makes our line look better than it is."

At least Rozier did when he appeared trapped for a 2-yard loss but spun free for a 9-yard gain.

AND THERE was enough time for other Cornhuskers to dip into the gravy. Jeff Smith, a former Wichita Southeast star who was red-shirted last season, helped light up the scoreboard when he returned a punt 65 yards for a touchdown in the fourth quarter.

"I just followed the wall and got a good block on the punter," he said.

In the third period, another Wichitan, Nebraska cornerback Allen Lyday, set up a touchdown for Smith. The ex-Wichita South state wrestling champ recovered a KU fumble at the 13.

Smith and Lyday were among the few Kansans to enjoy themselves Saturday.

"Nebraska always tries to run up the score," moaned KU offensive tackle Renwick Atkins. "They like to collect statistics."

It would be hard to imagine what more Osborne could've done to hold down the score. Other than borrow some KU players and use them. All 60 on the Nebraska traveling squad played.

"I guess we're still searching for people who want to play," Fambrough said. "And who can play. We have three games left and all are within reach."

Husker defense ruins Bohn's first start

With Seurer out, reserve quarterback thrust against No. 6 Nebraska

By Mark Lee

KU sports correspondent

Lawrence, Kan. — If the Kansas football field was a stage Saturday, then Mike Bohn was the little-known understudy who finally got the leading role.

The star usually is Frank Seurer,



Mike Bohn

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er, but Seurer reinjured his left shoulder last week and Bohn received the first start of his career against the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

When the show was all over, KU had lost 52-0, but one critic praised Bohn for his performance.

"He played the best he could play," KU Coach Don Fambrough said. "He deserves a compliment for the way he played against the blitz. He didn't have much help."

Bohn, a reserve junior-varsity quarterback for three years and a baseball player in the spring, was making only his third varsity appearance. Bohn completed four of 13 passes for 63 yards and was sacked six times for 54 yards in losses.

"I didn't think I played too great, but nobody on our team played great," said Bohn, a senior from Boulder, Colorado. "The way the Nebraska defense came at us I don't think anyone could have done that good. I didn't expect that many blitzes."

"I had a very difficult time. I think they felt I was an inexperienced

quarterback and they decided to take advantage of it."

Bohn's previous varsity experience came last Saturday in KU's 36-7 loss to Kansas State and in the second game of the season against Texas Christian. Against the Wildcats, Bohn completed one of four passes for 7 yards. Over the last two years he had led the junior varsity to a 7-1-1 record.

"I was very confused," Bohn said. "I wish we could have had better ball control. I wanted to make sure we didn't make a lot of turnovers, but in the second half we gave them the ball. They have great depth and we couldn't afford to give them the ball."

Bohn threw one interception and KU lost two fumbles in the second half, an improvement over last week when KU made six turnovers against Kansas State. Seurer started the K-State game, but reinjured his shoulder in the second half and sophomore Mike Frederick and Bohn had to play quarterback for Kansas.

"I hope Frank is back next week," Bohn said. "He's a great player and we need him. I have no regrets if I don't play the rest of the year."

The KU offense couldn't score against Kansas State with Seurer at quarterback, but with Bohn playing the leadership role KU got only 69 yards of total offense and seven first downs.

Of course, it doesn't help playing the sixth-ranked team in the nation either.

"I'd have to rank Nebraska as the best around," said Bohn, who played all but the last KU series.

KANSAS CITY STAR, Oct. 31, 1982

Cornhuskers live up to billing, smash KU

By Bob Gretz

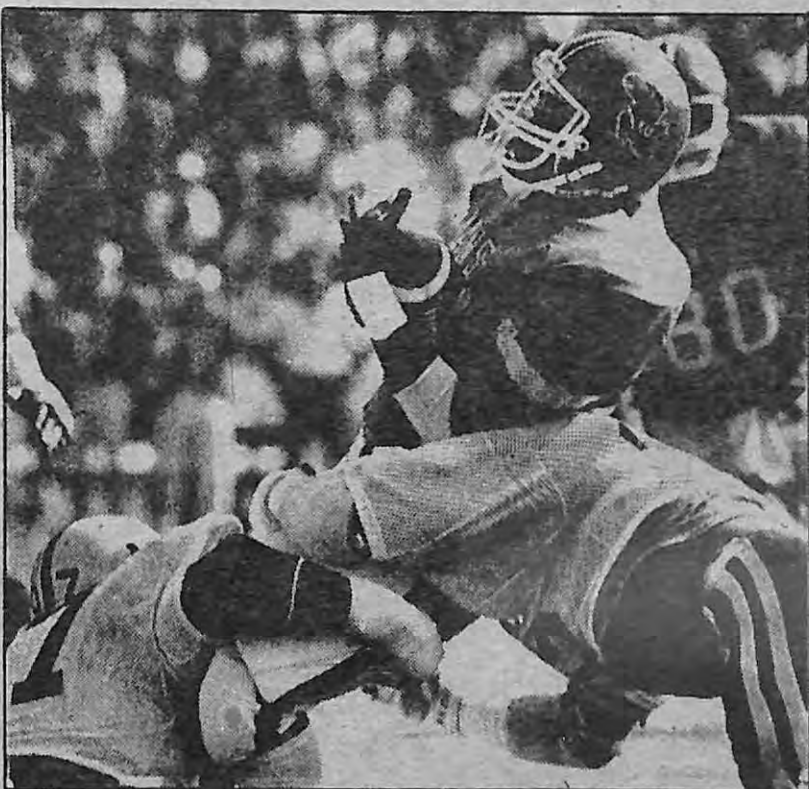
sports writer

LAWRENCE, KAN. — Even the most optimistic Kansas fan did not need the university's math department computer to figure out the numbers weren't going to add up to a Jayhawk victory Saturday at Memorial Stadium.

Here was Nebraska, ranked sixth in the country, with major-college football's top offense and top running game. And here was Kansas, stumbling through its worst season in the last four and ranked next to last among Division I teams in stopping the run.

Furthermore, Nebraska had beaten Kansas State by 29 points just two weeks earlier and Kansas was coming off a 29-point loss to the Wildcats last Saturday night.

It promised to be a lopsided after-



Kansas running back Robert Mimbs isn't able to gain much ground against Nebraska defensive tackle Toby Williams (left) and linebacker Steve McWhirter (right). (Associated Press)



Lewis Versus Rimington: Nebraska rolls as A Classic Confrontation Rozier sets record

By Tom Kensler

All-America center Dave Rimington of Nebraska twice was named "weightlifter of the year" on a team which mass-produces incredible hulks, but it isn't his strength that impressed Gary Lewis.

Rimington can churn 40 yards in five flat, but it isn't his quickness that Lewis remembers.

Rimington is a two-time academic All-Big Eight selection, but he and Lewis didn't get around to discussing Sartre's concept of existentialism.

"When I first saw him, he was pretty trim. He didn't have hardly any fat on him. I couldn't believe it when they told me he weighed 270," said Lewis, Oklahoma State's senior defensive lineman who will get reacquainted with the 1981 Outland Trophy winner Saturday afternoon when OSU (2-3-2 overall, 1-1-2 in the Big Eight) faces sixth-ranked Nebraska (7-1, 4-0) in Lincoln.

"Now they've got him weighing 290 (actually 292, give or take a carton of Twinkies). That's unbelievable."

Lewis hasn't exactly lived on bamboo shoots himself. He weighed 217 pounds upon entering OSU four years ago after playing center on Millwood High School's state basketball champion-

ship teams. His current vitals: 6-5 and 250. That's good size, NFL size.

But everything is relative.

"Lewis is tall and rangy," said Rimington, who is said to carry less than 11 percent body fat, according to Husker strength coach Boyd Epley. "He has a lot of quickness and excellent techniques. And he's really aggressive."

"But the main thing is, you don't ever see guys that quick at nose guard."

Rimington's size and power versus the quickness and agility of Lewis. It has the ingredients of a classic confrontation.

Lewis can hardly wait.

"Whether I'm playing middle guard or at tackle (with Keith Brown in the middle), I'm sure I'll be going against him quite a bit and you always like that kind of challenge," said Lewis, who entering the season generally was regarded, along with Southern Cal's George Achica and Tim Krumrie of Wisconsin, as one of the nation's best middle guards. "One thing I remember about playing him is that he never gives up," Lewis said. "What makes him so good is every play is the same to him. The ball might not even be near him and he keeps driving you off the ball."

LINCOLN, Neb. — Junior I-back Mike Rozier scored four touchdowns and set a single-season rushing record as sixth-ranked Nebraska defeated Big Eight rival Oklahoma State 48-10 yesterday.

Rozier, who had 251 yards on 33 carries, surpassed Husker Bobby Reynolds' total of 1,342 yards set in 1950 with 1,379 yards this season. Rozier also became the Huskers' No. 3 all-time leading rusher with 2,322 career yards. But it was not only the Husker offense that ruined the Cowboy performance.

A stingy Nebraska defense held the nation's leading rusher, Ernest Anderson, to 68 yards on 15 carries.

Rozier scored on runs of 4, 17, 2 and 37 yards. He scored every Husker touchdown in the final half. Nebraska built a 7-0 first quarter lead on a 13-

yard run by wingback Irving Fryar and added 14 points in the second quarter with a 9-yard pass from quarterback Turner Gill to tight end Jamie Williams and Rozier's 4-yard run.

Oklahoma State scored its only points on a 63-yard pass from quarterback Ike Jackson to back Jim Evans with 58 seconds left in the first half and a 42-yard field goal by Larry Roach with 3:05 left in the game.

Rozier struck for two third-period scores on runs of 17 and 2 yards and broke Reynolds' single season rushing mark with his 37-yard touchdown jaunt with 12:07 left in the game. The final Husker score came on a 1-yard run by Jeff Smith with 48 seconds left in the game.

Nebraska is 8-1 and 5-0 in the conference, while Oklahoma State fell to 2-4-2 and 1-2-2 in league play.

TULSA WORLD, Nov. 2, 1982

Johnson Buries Huskers in Praise

By CHARLIE SMITH
World Sports Writer

STILLWATER — Jimmy Johnson sounded like a man preparing to walk the gangplank Monday.

COLUMBIA MISSOURIAN, Oct. 26, 1982

Pitt gains No. 1 in AP

NEW YORK — Washington, struggling to win its seventh consecutive game, managed to retain the No. 1 college football rating in the United Press International poll, but the Pitt Panthers edged out the Huskies for the top spot in the Associated Press poll.

The undefeated Huskies scored all of their points in the fourth quarter to defeat Texas Tech 10-3, while Pittsburgh had a hard time before subduing Syracuse 14-0.

The move in AP was a bit of poetic justice for Pitt, which was No. 1 in the preseason and first regular-season polls but dropped behind Washington after beating North Carolina, and then slipped to third after defeating Florida State.

Georgia and Southern Methodist, both undefeated, remained at third and fourth in both polls. The Mustangs knocked Texas out of the Top 20 with a fourth-quarter outburst to win 30-17.

Arkansas traded places with Nebraska in both polls, moving up to fifth from the sixth spot. The Razorbacks demolished Houston 38-3, and the Cornhuskers struggled in a come-from-behind victory over Missouri.

Arizona State, one of six unbeaten-untied teams in the nation, was idle but climbed from eighth to seventh in the AP poll. Because the team is on probation, however, UPI does not rank the Wildcats.

AP Top 20	
The Top 20 teams in The Associated Press college football poll, with first-place votes in parentheses. Season records and total points.	
1. Pitt (21)	1,109
2. Washington (28)	1,405
3. Georgia (3)	1,010
4. So. Methodist (2)	976
5. Arkansas (4)	909
6. Nebraska	824
7. Arizona State	784
8. Penn State	763
9. Alabama	740
10. North Carolina	642
11. UCLA	610
12. Southern Cal	542
13. LSU	501
14. Florida State	314
15. Clemson	307
16. Miami, Fla.	286
17. Oklahoma	194
18. West Virginia	135
19. Auburn	124
20. Michigan	118

Words like "awesome" kept creeping into his conversation.

The Oklahoma State football coach wasn't talking about his own team, but next Saturday's foe, the Nebraska Cornhuskers.

"There's no way we can match up man for man, experience-wise or talent-wise," said Johnson. "But if we have a supreme effort and keep our mistakes to the very minimum, plus getting Nebraska to make a few mistakes, either by our doing or their doing, then I think we'll be in the ball game."

And that's about as hypothetical-ly optimistic as Johnson allowed himself to be.

The Cowboys ended a five-game non-winning drought Saturday with a 30-20 victory over Missouri. Nebraska, meanwhile, was plundering Kansas, 52-0, and pushing its record to 7-1.

Oklahoma State hasn't beaten Nebraska since 1961 and the Cornhuskers have rolled up an overwhelming 19-2-1 series lead. Those are the kind of statistics that make for good newspaper talk, but really don't mean much when two teams pull on the pads.

"It tells you something," said Johnson. "I don't know if it means anything. But there are reasons behind numbers like those."

In his three years at O-State, Johnson's teams have lost by 36-0, 48-7 and 54-7 scores to Nebraska. The combined totals are 138-14.

"I think we have more players and more talent than we had four years ago," said Johnson. "They probably do, too. But not that much more. They were a great team then, too."

"So we're closing the gap. One can only guess how far the gap was, though."

Oklahoma State is averaging 417 yards total offense through its first seven games, but offensive coordinator Pat Jones is not expecting any such yield against the Cornhuskers.

"I had heard they weren't quite as good defensively," said Jones. "But after looking at the films, I can't see any marked dropoff."

"We have seen some teams run against 'em. Kansas State did and so did Missouri. But you can't get too greedy. They'll run you down and force a turnover. I don't think we can go out there and get 500 yards, but I do think we can move the ball. The thing we can't do is turn over the ball deep and give 'em a cheapie."

Johnson has spent time in the film room, too, including watching the Cornhuskers' only loss of the season, a 27-24 gut-wrencher at Penn State.

"After looking at the film, I'd rather play Penn State than Ne-

braska," said Johnson. "Missouri played 'em close, but by no means did Nebraska play up to their capabilities in that game and Missouri got a supreme effort."

"Nebraska is just an awesome football team. When they're clicking and playing well and when they need to play well, they're a great football team — maybe the best football team I've ever seen."

As for his own Cowboys, Johnson said the staff studied films of the Missouri game and concluded, "The effort was the same, the overall play of the offense and defense and kicking game was about the same. The major difference was we only had one turnover. And that kept us in position to win."

Big Eight standings

	Conf.			All games		
	W	L	T	W	L	T
Nebraska	4	0	0	7	1	0
Oklahoma	2	1	1	5	2	1
Kansas St.	2	1	2	2	3	2
Oklahoma St.	1	2	1	4	3	1
Iowa St.	0	2	2	3	3	2
Missouri	0	3	1	1	5	2
Kansas	0	3	1	1	6	1
Colorado	0	3	1	1	6	1

Saturday's results
Nebraska 52, Kansas 0
Oklahoma 45, Colorado 10
Kansas State 9, Iowa State 3
Oklahoma St. 30, Missouri 20

This week's games
Oklahoma State at Nebraska
Colorado at Missouri
Iowa State at Kansas
Kansas State at Oklahoma



JIMMY JOHNSON
OSU head coach



Rozier broke one record and came within five yards of setting another.



Husker Roger Craig eyeballs a Chris Rockins, but failed to escape the Cowboy. But Craig gained 27 yards on the swing around the left side of the Oklahoma State defense.

Robert Paskach/World-Herald Photo

SUNDAY OKLAHOMAN, Oklahoma City, Nov. 7, 1982

Huskers Too Much For Cowboys, 48-10

By Tom Kensler
Staff Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — Entering Saturday's game against Nebraska, Oklahoma State ranked ninth nationally in total defense. The Pokes rated as the Big Eight Conference's best against the rush, allowing seven prior opponents an average of 99.9 yards on the ground.

Apparently, Husker tailback Mike Rozier doesn't worry too much about statistics.

Rozier, a 5-11, 210-pound junior packed with a perfect blend of power and acceleration, bolted 33 times for 251 yards and four touchdowns in leading Nebraska to a convincing, 48-10 victory over Oklahoma State Saturday afternoon before 76,387 red-clad partisans in Memorial Stadium.

With its ninth straight victory over OSU, the Huskers remain tied with Oklahoma for the conference lead at 5-0. NU, ranked fifth nationally by United Press International and sixth by The Associated Press, now is 8-1 overall. Oklahoma State, which now has been outscored, 186-24, by NU in the last four meetings, dropped to 2-4-2 overall and 1-2-2 in league play.

Rozier, who entered the day as the nation's fifth leading rusher, finished with the third-best single rushing day in Nebraska history, which dates to a 10-0 victory in 1890 over the Omaha YMCA. Only Rick Berns (255 yards against Missouri in 1978) and I.M. Hipp (254 against Indiana in '77) accumulated more ground yardage in a single afternoon.

Rozier's effort pushed his season total to 1,379 yards, breaking the former school record of 1,342 set in 1950 by Bobby Reynolds. In less than three hours time, Rozier passed teammate Roger Craig, Monte Anthony, Tony Davis, Jarvis Redwine, Reynolds, and Jeff Kinney on the NU career rushing list. He now ranks only behind Hipp (2,814) and Berns (2,449) with 2,322 yards.

Rozier wasn't all the Nebraska offense, but he figured in most of it. NU's first drive, which culminated with a 13-yard wingback around by Irving Fryar with 4:12 left in the first quarter, totalled 73 yards, including 23 on Rozier runs. Nebraska went up, 14-0,

when tight end Jamie Williams nabbed a nine-yard scoring toss from Turner Gill with 14:19 left in the second period, and it was a 10-yard sweep by Rozier that initially moved the Huskers into OSU territory.

The Camden, N.J., native did the honors himself to cap the Huskers' next four scoring marches. He broke four yards, while carrying OSU defensive back Rod Brown the final three, to give NU a 21-0 advantage following Kevin Seibel's PAT conversion with 5:30 left before halftime. In that 72-yard drive, Rozier carried seven times for 49 yards.

Oklahoma State, scheduled to play at Kansas State next Saturday, got on the board 58 seconds before intermission when James Evans hauled in a 63-yard strike from Ike Jackson and turned on his 9.3 speed to outrace Allen Lyday and Bret Clark into the end zone.

But Rozier almost single-handedly put the game away in the third quarter. He tight-roped the left sideline for a 17-yard score 4½ minutes into the second half, finishing off a Nebraska possession which was sustained when OSU's Greg Hill fumbled a Husker punt on the Cowboy 32.

Another Rozier touchdown and Seibel's PAT put Nebraska up, 35-7, with 6:35 remaining in the third period. Rozier culminated that 62-yard march with a

two-yard sweep left, but only a saving dive by Hill prevented him from scoring two plays earlier when he exploded for 26 yards to the Pokes three.

His final carry of the day netted 37 yards and another six points. On that right end sweep with 12:07 left in the fourth quarter, Rozier left a wake of Cowboys clutching the turf. Leslie O'Neal, Gary Lewis and Rod Brown each took a shot at Rozier but bounced off.

Meanwhile, Ernest Anderson, the nation's leading rusher entering the game, suffered a frustrating afternoon beginning with a one-yard loss on the game's first play from scrimmage. Ultimately, that would be Anderson's only loss of the day, but he netted just 68 yards to finish under the century mark for the second time (OU limited Anderson to 59 yards) this season.

Anderson carried the ball a season-low 15 times, reflecting OSU's plight. Cowboy head coach Jimmy Johnson had hoped his offense would sustain enough possessions to keep the NU offense on the sidelines. It didn't work — the Huskers ran 83 offensive plays, compared to 60 for OSU.

Nebraska's rushing attack was so effective the Huskers threw just 11 times, completing five including the TD to Williams. In time of possession, NU's ball control machine finished with a 33:17 to 26:43 advantage.

Oklahoma State failed to make a first down on its first five possessions of the second half, giving Rozier and friends hardly enough time to catch their breath. OSU completed its scoring when Larry Roach, who had his consecutive field goal streak snapped at nine with a second-quarter miss, drilled a 42-yarder 3:05 before the end.

Nebraska's Jeff Smith, a third-team tailback who would start on most teams, finished the game's scoring with 40 seconds left when he stepped over from the one. NU was forced to go for a two-point conversion when the snap from center was high, but the desperation pass was too long.

Aside from Evans' TD reception, only twice did it look hopeful for Oklahoma State. The Pokes trailed 7-0 when Rod Brown snagged a Gill pass for an apparent interception with two minutes left in the first quarter. But Nebraska retained possession when a roughing-the-passer penalty was called on Gary Lewis. That infraction, called by the same referee (John McClintock of Des Moines) who two weeks earlier did not throw a flag when Missouri's Randy Jostes put Gill out of commission with a late shove, led to the Williams TD catch.

Now down 14-0, the Pokes began their most impressive offensive series. Jackson hit Mark Cromer for 22 yards after the ensuing kickoff, and Anderson followed a 10-yard gallop to midfield. Jackson again connected with Cromer to the NU 35, and two plays later when Anderson burst for 15 off right tackle to the Husker 17, it looked as if the OSU offense was in gear.

Anderson managed five yards on the next carry, but Jackson was stopped for one on second down. Facing a third-and-four situation, Jackson rolled right only to be brought down for a 16-yard loss by NU's Tim Holbrook who was blitzing from his monsterback position.

OSU came up empty when Roach missed from 44 yards, and the Pokes never seriously challenged the Huskers thereafter.

Neither starting quarterback completed the game. OSU's Jackson left late in the third quarter after being shaken up on a nine-yard keeper. Sophomore Adam Hinds, seeing his first action at quarterback since the Louisville game, mopped up and matched Jackson's seven completions. NU's Gill suffered a bruise above his right ankle late in the second quarter.

"Oklahoma State has a hard time staying with Nebraska unless we get some breaks," said OSU coach Jimmy Johnson. "We didn't have the talent to stay with them — nowhere close."

"Nebraska has a great offensive and defensive football team, but I think we were hanging in there until they got that cheap touchdown (Rozier's 17-yard touchdown in the second quarter following Hill's muffed punt return).

"Then they went steamrolling."
And Rozier did most of the driving.

'Turner put the ball right there'

NU TIGHT END JAMIE WILLIAMS: "They (Cowboys) weren't as aggressive as I thought they would be." Williams got Nebraska's second TD on a nine-yard reception. "It was a Gill audible. Their end played me and tried to hold me up. I blocked him quick and got off him. Turner put the ball right there."



Grand Island Daily Independent photo by Rich Fox.

Nebraska's Mike Rozier set a season rushing record, previously held by Grand Islander Bobby Reynolds, with this 37-yard touchdown run early in the fourth quarter. Rozier has 1,379 yards this season. The touchdown was Rozier's fourth in the 48-10 win.

What others said:

OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, Nov. 22, 1982

Wally Provost



Wailing in Oklahoma

Oklahoma City columnist Jim Lassiter sat down to a bilious typewriter after Nebraska's 48-10 spanking of Oklahoma State this month.

Only 40 seconds remained in the game following Nebraska's seventh touchdown. The snap for the extra-point try from placement apparently was fumbled by the holder, No. 4 quarterback Craig Sundberg. Anyhow, he jumped up and threw the ball to No. 4 tight end Monte Engebretson, who caught it going out of the end zone. No points.

Well! Okie State people on the sideline frowned, fulminated and perhaps finally frothed over this affront to their honor. A two-point try!

Lassiter did mention that Tom Osborne said a high snap from center had caused the inexperienced holder to panic. Ha! The snap was "not so poor that the kick couldn't have been completed," Coach Lassiter ruled.

Lassiter wrote that at Nebraska, "where more is better, 50 points is always more impressive to the voters who cast ballots in the weekly ratings polls." (Oklahoma U. beat Oklahoma State by 62-7 in 1978 and by 63-7 in 1980, but never mind; it's fun to rant and rave.)

Lassiter referred to "Dr. Osborne's 'Snow White' image." The headline said Osborne's "halo" was tarnished by this heinous act.

As a matter of fact and tender mercy, Nebraska's final clock-running pass against OSU came with about two minutes left in the third quarter and the score at 35-7. And that pass was by a third-stringer. How kind can you be to the opposition?

Pouring it on? Piffle, you-all.

Cowboy quarterback **IKE JACKSON**, comparing Oklahoma with Nebraska: "I pick Nebraska by 13 points. Oklahoma's defense is faster but physically they're the same. They both have quality athletes."

KANSAS CITY — Only two Nebraska running backs have ever had a better running day than the the 251-yard, four-touchdown explosion by I-back Mike Rozier against Oklahoma State.

Cornhuskers

Nebraska offensive tackle **RANDY THEISS** on Rozier's record breaking touchdown run (37 yards): "Mike (Mandelko) and I both pulled. Oklahoma State had a lot of penetration. Mike got a good block, I got half a block, and Rozier did the rest of it on his own."

Husker middle guard **KEN GRAEBER** on Oklahoma State's Ernest Anderson, the nation's rushing leader: "After he got hit he would still get that extra three or four yards. Anderson is a real good runner."

Husker Coach **TOM OSBORNE** about Rozier: "Obviously, he had a great day. It takes a lot of people doing well. I thought we played very well today. It may have been our best game of the year."

NU defensive end **TONY FELICI**: "When a team plays us they get fired up the first half. OSU was still in the game at the half, but it was like they knew in the third or fourth quarter they were going to get beat."

Nebraska held a 19-2-1 advantage going into the 1982 renewal of Big Eight rivalry against Oklahoma State. Nebraska won 54-7 in 1981.

Statistics

Oklahoma State				Nebraska			
RUSHING				RUSHING			
Player	C	Yds.		Player	C	Yds.	
Anderson	15	68		Rozier	33	251	
Roberts	10	65		Craig	7	52	
Cook	4	12		Smith	5	33	
Hinds	4	(-19)		Wilkening	6	21	
Jackson	3	(-26)					
PASSING				PASSING			
Player	A	C	Yds.	Player	A	C	Yds.
Jackson	13	7	137	Gill	6	3	31
Hinds	10	7	51	Mathison	3	1	6
PASS RECEIVING				PASS RECEIVING			
Player	C	Yds.		Player	C	Yds.	
Evans	1	63		Brown	2	22	
Cromer	2	37		Williams	3	21	
Hanna	2	24					
Anderson	3	23		PUNTING			
Roberts	4	18		Player	K	Avg.	
Young	1	14		Campbell	5	34.4	
Zachary	1	9					
PUNTING				Game in figures			
Player	K	Avg.		Oklahoma State	Nebraska		
Conway	6	46.3		15 First downs	26		
Nebraska				37-101 Rushing yardage	72-422		
Player	C	Yds.		188 Passing yardage	43		
Rozier	33	251		14-23 Passes completed	5-11		
Craig	7	52		0 Interceptions by	2		
Smith	5	33		6-46 Punts, average	5-34		
Wilkening	6	21		1 Fumbles lost	1		
				47 Yards penalized	30		

SUNDAY OKLAHOMAN, Oklahoma City, Nov. 7, 1982

Jimmy Johnson Feels Outclassed

By Bob Hersom
Staff Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — The silence was deafening at Jimmy Johnson's post-game press conference Saturday afternoon.

The Oklahoma State football coach wasn't sure what to say. What do you say after your team has been shellacked and varnished, 48-10, by sixth-ranked Nebraska?

And reporters weren't sure what to ask. What do you ask a coach whose four OSU teams have been, to say the least, outscored 186-24 by Nebraska?

Finally, Johnson broke the silence by waving his arms.

With the wave he said, "I think you have to have a comparable type program to play with Nebraska. Take a walk through the six weight rooms here and then take a look at our little weight room."

"And count up the number of heads they put out on the practice field compared to ours."

"There are some teams around the country who can show you the same type of facilities as Nebraska has and have the type of program they have here. But only a few."

OSU players echoed their coach's comments concerning the Cornhuskers, who haven't lost to OSU in 21 years.

"They've got my vote for No. 1 in the nation," said left guard Kevin Igo. "They're quick, they're strong, they've got

depth, they're well coached and their fans are out of this world."

"I just can't say enough about this Nebraska team. I want to tell you, they sure impressed me."

"They knew what they had to do; they play according to the way their opponent is playing. With that much talent, it works. And, boy, were they ready for us."

"Nebraska is class all the way," said defensive end Brent Guy. "From the bottom to the top, they're class. I've got a lot of respect for Nebraska. They have great players, great fans and great coaches."

"We knew on defense that we'd have to play well. They run the ball well and we usually play the run well. But it seemed like they kind of spread us out, then cut back inside on us."

"I think they're the best team we've faced so far," said quarterback Ike Jackson. "In fact they're probably the best team I ever will face. But that's just my opinion."

"They have a great depth," said defensive end Rodney Harding. "and they have a lot of depth. They just come straight out at you and see how good you are on defense."

"We have a good defense but we missed some tackles and we didn't have many people getting out around the ball. When you play an offense like Nebraska you have to have every-

body going to the ball, but we didn't."

"I knew they'd have a good ballclub," said linebacker Mike Green, "but I didn't know they'd be super bad like this."

"I thought our defense would do a little better than we did. But unfortunately we didn't. I think the reason they scored that many points was more because of us than because of Nebraska. I don't think we played up to our capabilities."

Injuries bothered OSU on this brisk autumn day, as both Green and star tailback Ernest Anderson missed considerable action.

Green injured his right shoulder and missed 30 of the game's 60 minutes.

Anderson didn't play in the fourth quarter after reinjuring a cracked rib suffered in last week's 30-20 victory over Missouri.

Anderson, who came into the game as the nation's leading rusher with a per game average of 189.7 yards, was limited to a season-low 15 carries and 68 yards, his only sub-100 effort except for 59 yards two weeks ago at Oklahoma.

Still, Anderson's 68 yards is the most rushing yards by an OSU back against Nebraska since Ed Smith ran for 77 four years ago.

"The shoulder and ribs hurt," said Anderson, "but I don't like to alibi by saying I was hurt. I

played pretty good today, but not up to my best abilities."

Nebraska tailback Mike Rozier certainly did, however, as he ran 33 times for 251 yards and four touchdowns. Coming into the game Rozier ranked fifth in NCAA rushing.

"I talked to Mike after the game," said Anderson. "He's a pretty good back. I told him I hope he has a lot of luck the rest of the season and he said the same back to me."

A reporter at Johnson's press conference asked the OSU coach to compare Anderson and Rozier. Johnson had a quick reply.

"I think it's foolish, make that very foolish," said Johnson, "to try and compare Mike Rozier and Ernest Anderson. Mike Rozier is a great, great back, but you put Ernest Anderson behind that offensive line that Rozier has and I'll guarantee you he'll get a bunch of yards, too."

Nevertheless, Johnson was duly impressed with the Huskers.

"They are a great football team with a tremendous amount of talent," said Johnson. "I guess this is why they call this the Big Red Machine. We just don't have enough talent to play with teams like Nebraska. Nowhere close."

GRAND ISLAND INDEPENDENT, Nov. 7, 1982

Cowboys have rough trail ride

By DICK PLACZEK
Independent Staff Writer

LINCOLN — It was just one of those trail rides that never seemed to end for the Oklahoma State Cowboys.

The Cowboys galloped into Lincoln Saturday with blood in their eyes but trotted back home into a red sunset no less, as if the Cowboys hadn't seen enough red during the day.

"When they say the Big Red machine, it's exactly what it means," Oklahoma State coach Jimmy Johnson said after the Cowboys were soundly defeated by the Cornhuskers 48-10.

The Cowboys came into Saturday's game with an impressive 30-20 win over Missouri the previous weekend, but the Huskers apparently weren't psyched out by the victory. Nebraska edged the Tigers 23-19.

Johnson said what other coaches across the country have echoed throughout the season about the Huskers.

"They are so physical and they are so strong — a team like Oklahoma State has a tough time staying with a team like Nebraska unless they get the breaks early," he said.

"Once they got ahead, it's the same old thing, they steam roll things," he said. "We have nowhere close the same talent as Nebraska."

The game was labeled as the battle between the first and fifth leading rushers in the country but even that high noon battle was lackluster at best.

The fifth leading rusher, Nebraska's Mike Rozier, finished the day with 251 yards while Oklahoma State's Ernest Anderson finished with a disappointing 68 yards in 15 carries.

Rozier scored four times while his counterpart Anderson never crossed the goal line.

"That Rozier is a great, great back," Johnson said, "but you put anybody behind that line and he'll be a great back. But I don't want to take anything away from Rozier." The Huskers finished with 465 total yards, 422 of them running.

"It's foolish to try to compare Rozier and Anderson," Johnson said. Anderson entered Saturday's game with 1,328 yards rushing in seven games or 189.7 yards per game. Rozier had 1,128 in eight games for a 141 average.

Anderson said he wasn't pleased with his performance Saturday but didn't attribute it to his broken rib and bruised shoulder.

"I guess I played all right but definitely not as good as I wanted to play," Anderson said.

DAILY OKLAHOMAN, Oklahoma City, Nov. 7, 1982

NU Players Agree: OSU Not So Tough

By Ray Soldan
Staff Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — Honest to the man, the Nebraska Cornhuskers could not come up with many words of praise for

an Oklahoma State team they dispatched by 38 points Saturday to move within one game of the usual Big Eight Conference title showdown with the Oklahoma

Sooners.

"We thought they would be a little tougher" is the best 1981 Outland Trophy winner Dave Rimington could manage.

"We really thought," said middle guard Jeff Merrell in the same vein, "they would be a stronger team, especially up front. But we really stopped them in their tracks today."

"I didn't expect to beat them that bad," noted defensive tackle Rod Stuckey.

"A lot of times it takes a long while to wear a defense down. I think

that happened today," said offensive tackle Randy Theiss. "If you can hold the ball for five or six minutes, even if you don't score, you've gained an advantage."

Husker coach Tom Osborne, now 9-0-1 against the Cowboys, provided a little consolation to OSU by saying, "This might have been our best football game of the year. We really played well today."

"Other than that one long play (the Cowboy touchdown pass), the defense played well."

The obvious center of Nebraska attention was

its own tailback, junior Mike Rozier, who became the school's one-season rushing leader, jumped past nine players to take over the No. 3 spot on the Huskers' career rushing list and missed the NU one-game rushing mark by just four yards.

Rozier did not return to the field after a 37-yard run to his fourth — and Nebraska's sixth — touchdown with 12:07 remaining.

"Besides," added Osborne, "We needed to leave something for Mike (to shoot at) next year."

TULSA WORLD, Nov. 7, 1982

Pokes Trampled

By CHARLIE SMITH
World Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — It's an old football adage that good teams take advantage of their opportunities. That certainly was the case for Nebraska Saturday.

A roughing-the-quarterback penalty and a fumbled punt presented the nation's No. 6-

ranked team with two chances. They converted both into touchdowns. If either play had gone the other way, Oklahoma State might have waged serious battle with the mighty Cornhuskers on a glorious fall afternoon with temperatures in the mid-50s. As it was, Nebraska enjoyed a stroll through the park en route to a 48-10 laughter. The victory was the Cornhuskers' fifth without defeat in Big Eight Conference play and stretched their season record to 8-1.

"Once they got ahead, it was the same old thing," shrugged O-State coach Jimmy Johnson. "Unless you're fighting with every ounce of energy in your bodies, they'll steamroll you. We just don't have enough talent to play

with a team like Nebraska — nowhere close!"

Nebraska's Tom Osborne used 76 players, including four quarterbacks, but it was tailback Mike Rozier who captured the imaginations of the sellout throng of 76,387. Rozier carried 33 times for 251 yards and scored four touchdowns on runs of four, 17, two and 37 yards.

Rozier and Oklahoma State's Ernest Anderson entered the contest as the nation's Nos. 5 and 1 rushers, respectively. Anderson did not enjoy a particularly productive day, primarily because of the Cornhuskers' swarming defense.

Anderson was held to 68 yards on 15 carries and Johnson revealed after the game that his star tailback had played with a painful cracked rib. Anderson left with 4:06 remaining in the third quarter and did not return to the game.

"They didn't let me go back in," said Anderson.

"I didn't see any need to let him go back out there," said Johnson. "I didn't see any need for any more of that kind of abuse."

Oklahoma State had only two chances — and both came when the Cowboys were 14

DAILY OKLAHOMAN, Nov. 7, 1982

Scoreboard

Nebraska 48, Oklahoma State 10

OSU 0 7 0 3 —10
NU 7 14 14 13 —48

OSU-NU How They Scored Time

FIRST QUARTER

0-7 Irving Fryar 13 run 4:12
Drive: 73 yards in 11 plays. Big play: third down 14-yard pass from Turner Gill to Todd Brown. Kevin Seibel kick.

SECOND QUARTER

0-14 Jamie Williams 9 pass from Gill 14:19
Drive: 59 yards in eight plays. Big plays: two penalties, OSU roughing passer on play in which Rodney Brown intercepted ball and pass interference on OSU 9. Seibel kick.

0-21 Mike Rozier 4 run 5:30
Drive: 72 yards in 13 plays. Big plays: Rozier runs of 12 and 13 yards. Seibel kick.

7-21 James Evans 63 pass from Ike Jackson 0:58
Drive: 80 yards in four plays. Larry Roach kick.

THIRD QUARTER

7-28 Rozier 17 run 11:40
Drive: 26 yards in three plays after recovery of fumbled punt. Seibel kick.

7-35 Rozier 2 run 6:35
Drive: 62 yards in eight plays. Big play: Rozier 26 to OSU 3. Seibel kick.

FOURTH QUARTER

7-42 Rozier 37 run 12:07
Drive: 61 yards in six plays. Seibel kick.

10-42 FG Roach 42 3:05
Drive: 53 yards in 15 plays.

10-48 Jeff Smith 1 run 0:10
Drive: 56 yards in seven plays. Big play: Smith 15 run to OSU one. Pass failed.

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Big Eight

Standings

	Conf.	All games
	W L T	W L T
Nebraska	5 0 0	8 1 0
Oklahoma	5 0 0	7 2 0
Kansas St.	2 2 1	5 3 1
Missouri	1 2 2	4 3 2
Oklahoma St.	1 2 2	2 4 1
Iowa St.	1 3 1	4 4 1
Kansas	1 3 1	2 5 2
Colorado	0 4 1	1 7 1

Saturday's results
Nebraska 48, Oklahoma State 10
Missouri 35, Colorado 14
Kansas 24, Iowa State 17

Next Saturday's games
Nebraska at Iowa State
Kansas at Colorado
Oklahoma State at Kansas State
Missouri at Oklahoma

Nebraska: Another boulder in Iowa State's path

By JAMES KAY
United Press International

Iowa State football coach Donnie Duncan surely must feel like the collegiate football equivalent of Sisyphus.

According to Greek legend, Sisyphus was doomed forever to push a giant boulder up the side of a mountain, only to have the rock roll back down again upon reaching the top.

Duncan, in three of his four years at Iowa State, has pushed the Cyclones to good starts, only to falter upon reaching the tail end of the season. Last year, for example, Iowa State rolled to a 5-1-1 mark before dropping its final four games.

It would appear the legend will live on this weekend. Iowa State hosts powerful Nebraska, which is ranked third in the nation and boasts an offense that is first in the country in total offense, rushing offense and scoring.

"I've been voting Nebraska No. 1 for five weeks in the UPI poll," Duncan admitted this week. "I have heard almost everyone say Nebraska has the best offense in the nation."

NEBRASKA, which has been pegged a 21-point favorite against Iowa State, is averaging 531 yards in total offense through nine games, 399.1 yards rushing, and 42.2 points.

The Cornhuskers set NCAA records of 883 yards — 677 on the ground — in total offense and 43 first downs in a 68-0 rout of New Mexico State earlier this year.

The Cyclones raced to a 4-1-1 start this year but have suffered disappointing losses to Kansas State and Kansas the past two weekends. Criticism of Duncan, whose teams have won only two games in November during his four years as coach, heightened after last week's 24-17 setback to the Jayhawks.

"We have a good football team," Duncan said. "We have just had the breaks go against us. It's frustrating to look back at what has happened."

Duncan said the Cyclones easily could be 8-1 with a few breaks and some correct calls by officials, particularly in the Missouri and Kansas games.

"It's frustrating, to say the least, but this team is determined to finish

strong," he said. "I know we will continue to give good effort."

NEBRASKA Coach Tom Osborne believes the losses to the two Kansas schools will make Iowa State a tougher opponent.

"I'm sure they're disappointed in their record," Osborne said. "I'm sure a win over us at this point of the season would make up for a lot of things they're disappointed in."

"Their losing to Kansas won't serve us well at all. I'd much rather they beat Kansas and beat them by three or four touchdowns than lose. That simply will mean they're going to work harder this week," he said.

Iowa State, 1-3-1 in Big Eight play, will need to work hard and gain a few breaks to defeat Nebraska, 8-1 overall and 5-0 in the league.

The Cornhuskers are led by I-backs Mike Rozier and Roger Craig, the third and fourth all-time rushers at Nebraska. Last week, Rozier rushed for 251 yards and four touchdowns and became Nebraska's single-season rushing leader with 1,379 yards.

Anchoring the Nebraska offensive line is All-America center Dave Rimington, who won the Outland Trophy last year as the nation's outstanding lineman.

But perhaps the man Duncan fears the most is quarterback Turner Gill, who the Iowa State coach said is very adept at both running and passing.

The Cyclones got solid performances from tailback Tommy Davis and fullback Jason Jacobs in last week's loss to Kansas.

Moravec sidelined

LINCOLN, Nebr. — Nebraska fullback Mark Moravec, bothered by a sore back, missed Friday's practice and Coach Tom Osborne said it was doubtful Moravec would play in Saturday's game at Iowa State.



MARK MORAVEC

Moravec suffered back spasms in Nebraska's 48-10 win over Oklahoma State.

Osborne said Iowa State has played well on defense and statistically is at the top of the conference. The Cyclone offense also has moved the ball well, he said.

Quarterback David Archer "has become a good quarterback and their backfield has more speed than they did a year ago."

"Last year, they had the big fellow (Dwayne Crutchfield) who could hurt you inside but who really couldn't run away from you," he said.

Iowa State Coach Donnie Duncan has said he consistently voted Nebraska No. 1 in the United Press International poll.

"I didn't know it was Donnie," Osborne said. "I just hope we'll have his vote next week."

Ravenous guests

AMES TRIBUNE
Nov. 10, 1982

By GENE MCGIVERN

Hey Cy, guess who's coming to dinner?

The Nebraska Cornhuskers, who've feasted on eight of nine foes this year and scared the stuffing out of the other, are craving a little Cy soup. And contrary to proper etiquette, here's one bunch that doesn't hate to eat and run.

Run up the score, that is.



DONNIE DUNCAN
ISU head coach

Today's battle between Nebraska and Iowa State spotlights one of the nation's premier offensive teams against one of college football's better defensive crews. It could be close, as many recent NU-ISU tussles have been.

Then again, it could be a blow out.

The 8-1 Huskers, ranked third in the latest NCAA poll, share the Big Eight lead with Oklahoma at 5-0. They lead the nation in five offensive categories—average yards per play (6.4), rushing per game (399), total offense per game (531), scoring per game (42.2), and fewest punts (24, 2.6 per game).

If the numbers and stats they've rolled up don't scare you, the names behind them should. All-American center Dave Rimington, called by ISU Coach Donnie Duncan "the best offensive lineman ever," leads a large, quick and experienced group in the trenches. Elusive QB Turner Gill, who combines J. C. Watts' running ability and an arm to rival Frank Seuer's, triggers a backfield Duncan labeled "one of the best he's seen" in college football.

Heisman Trophy hopeful Mike Rozier (1379 yards, 14 TDs, 7.1 avg.), Jeff Smith (447 yards, 6 TDs, 9.5 avg.) and Roger Craig (384 yards, 2 TDs, 5.3 avg.) are The Three Rush-kateers.

"Superior" is an adjective to describe the other aspects of the Nebraska game: receivers, overall depth, defense against the run, kicking game, kickoff and punt returners, and fans. Another NU plus: the oft-ailing Huskers appear to be near 100 percent healthy for today.

At 4-1 and mired in a two-game losing streak, it might be easy for the Cyclones to lie down, take their licks, and wallow in the frustration of a 1982 season marked by close losses, bad breaks, crucial calls by officials and key mistakes.

But Duncan says that won't happen. "I believe our team will play hard and give a maximum effort," Duncan said. "We have to play above our heads and have some good things happen."

ODD-LY ENOUGH — Huskers favored by 22.

ISU-Nebraska: 75 years of disagreement

AMES TRIBUNE, Nov. 13, 1982

By GENE MCGIVERN
Asst. Sports Editor

Saturday marks the 75th anniversary of a disagreement.

Nebraska and Iowa State have met on the football field 76 times, dating back to 1896. In 73 of these games, a clear cut victor has emerged, while two others produced ties. In the 1907 clash in Lincoln, however, a rule interpretation cast a doubt on the outcome.

The Huskers claim a 10-9 victory, but Iowa State says it deserved a 13-10 decision. According to longtime ISU sports information director Harry Burrell, the play in question was a dropkick field-goal attempt (worth four points in early days).

Burrell said ISU had missed "about six or seven" of these dropkicks during the game and lined up late in the game for another try, trailing 10-9. The kick hit the ground near the end zone and took a freak bounce up and over the bar.

The officials denied the kick, noting that a kick couldn't touch the ground after it reached the line of scrimmage. The Huskers went on to run out the clock and claim victory.

BURRELL SAID the Cyclones felt

cheated and took their case to the legendary Walter Camp.

The revered Walter Camp's opinion was good enough for ISU, which changed its season record from 6-2 to 7-1 after the ruling. Nebraska refused to give in and stuck to its 8-2 record. The series stands at 61-13-2 if you believe the Huskers, and 60-14-2 on the Cyclone records.

Burrell said disputes were more common in the earlier days of football, but recent efforts by the NCAA statistical bureau to resolve differences in records have been successful.

"If we ever concede this game, I'll come back from my grave to argue," Burrell joked.

The coach of that 1907 ISU team was in his first year, a fellow named Clyde Williams, who also coached basketball at Iowa State, and the namesake of the since replaced football field on the ISU campus.

THE CONTROVERSY led to a rule change the following year, according to Burrell, one of two major changes in which Iowa State games had a major role. The dropkicks were outlawed and all field goals were then required to stay airborne until they crossed the crossbar.

DES MOINES REGISTER, Nov. 11, 1982

Craig helps potent Husker attack

By RON MALY
Register Staff Writer

In one of those "Hmmm, fancy meeting you here" get-togethers on the sideline, Roger Craig ran into the guy who recruited him during a football game recently.

But it wasn't a "Hey, let's get together for a hamburger after the game" kind of thing.

It was a collision. And Craig, who has been bruised plenty this fall, was the man who delivered the sock.

Craig is the 220-pound Nebraska running back — they call 'em I-backs at Lincoln — from Davenport who is part of what is called the "best one-two punch in college football."

Right now, Craig is No. 2 and Mike Rozier is No. 1.

"It was in the Kansas game that I ran over John Melton, the assistant coach who recruited me out of Central High School in Davenport," explained Craig, who will play in Ames for the final time Saturday when the fourth-ranked Cornhuskers try to push their record to 9-1 against Iowa State.

"Melton was in my way when I ran out of bounds. He bruised his foot and is still limping a little bit now, and I tease him about it."

The run-in came two weeks ago in Nebraska's 52-0 rout of a Kansas



Roger Craig
Runs over coaches

team that jolted Iowa State, 24-17, last Saturday.

Melton presently is the linebacker coach at Nebraska.

Craig himself has been bothered by injuries this season, but has rushed for 384 yards and a 5.3 average while playing fullback and I-back. The Nebraska leader is Rozier, an awesome runner who has piled up 1,379 yards for a 7.1 average.

THIS IS COACH Tom Osborne's best team, and one that ranks right up there with Bob Devaney's 1972 outfit that went 9-2-1 (the tie was a 23-23

job with Iowa State in Ames).

Nebraska leads the nation in rushing offense (399.1-yard average), total offense (531) and scoring offense (42.2).

"I feel there's more talent on this team than any other I've been on here," Craig said. "We don't just have one or two guys at every position, sometimes we're three deep. Guys are just waiting for their chance to play. But there's no selfishness."

Indeed, Craig says he has no problem playing behind Rozier, who shook off a hip pointer last week and ran for 251 yards and scored four touchdowns in a 48-10 romp past Oklahoma State.

Rozier's sensational afternoon enabled him to move past six players into the No. 3 spot on Nebraska's all-time rushing list. Those he passed included Craig, who is tied for fourth place with Jeff Kinney on the Husker career chart with 2,244 yards.

Craig ran like the Roger of old while gaining 52 yards against the Cowboys, particularly on a 27-yard scamper.

"I'm back to my old style again," Craig said. "I could feel it coming back. I've been banged up all year, and this was the first time I've felt good."

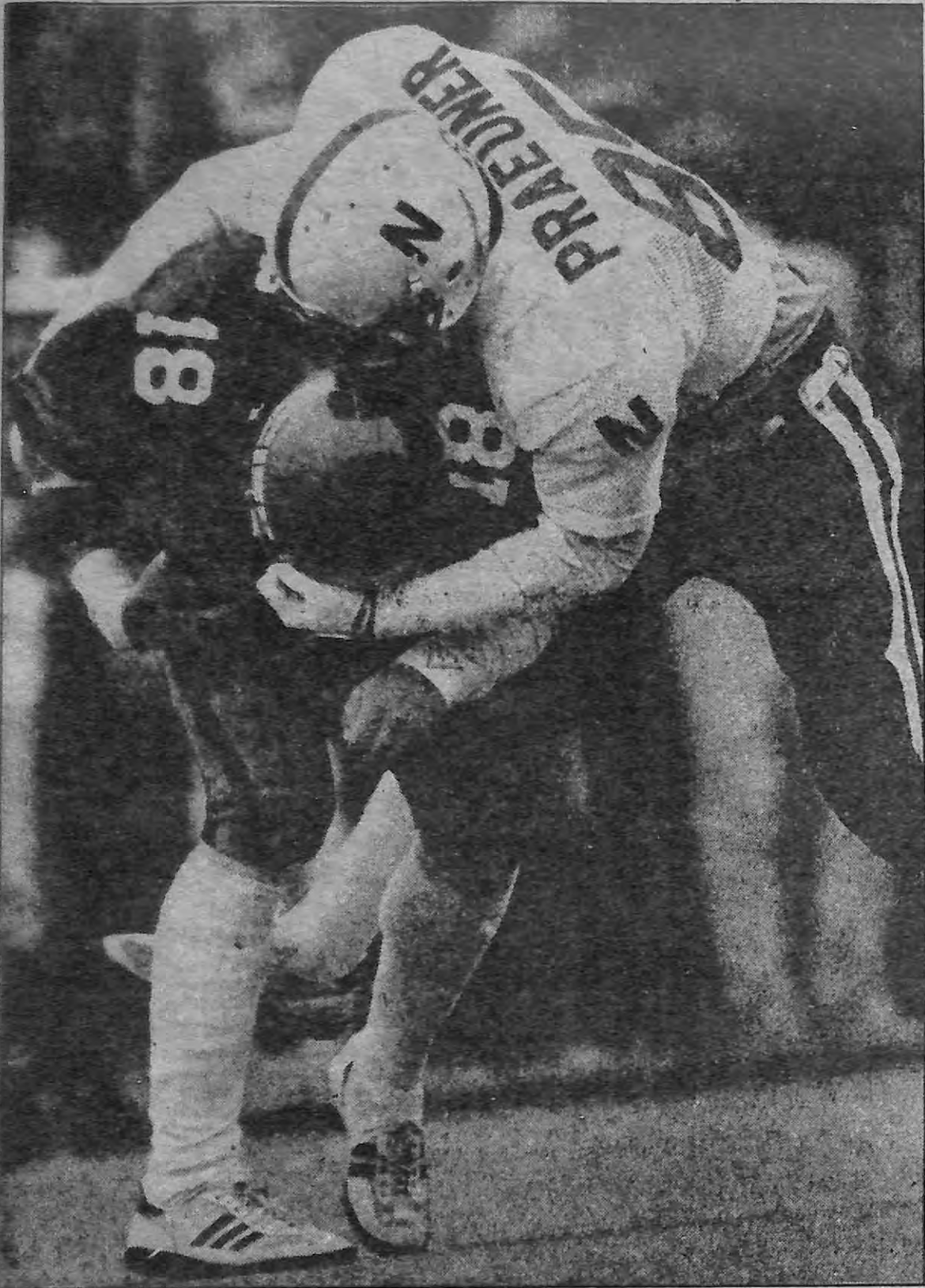
CRAIG HAS HAD an assortment of injuries, but is anxious to play well

AP's Top 20

1. Georgia (33) 9-0	1,150
2. Southern Methodist (19) 9-0	1,126
3. Arizona State (5) 9-0	1,049
4. Nebraska (1) 8-1	984
5. Penn State (1) 8-1	955
6. LSU 7-0-1	865
7. Washington 8-1-0	779
8. Pitt 7-1	765
9. Florida State 7-1	686
10. Arkansas 7-1	572
11. Clemson 6-1-1	521
12. UCLA 7-1-1	471
13. Notre Dame 6-1-1	393
14. Michigan 7-2	381
15. Oklahoma 7-2	364
16. Southern Cal 6-2	358
17. Alabama 7-2	323
18. Maryland 7-2	239
19. West Virginia 7-2	211
20. Texas 5-2	87

Game 10 — Iowa State — Cornhuskers crunch ISU, 48-10

Photo by DAVE PETERSON



ISU's David Archer is snowed under by Husker end Wade Praeuner



Cedar Rapids Gazette photo

Osborne obstacle

Nebraska fullback Doug Wilkening carries ISU's Ronnie Osborne for yardage in the second quarter of Saturday's 48-10 Husker victory. Wilkening gained 28

yards on this run and finished with 67 yards on seven carries.

Duncan calls Nebraska offense 'devastating'

By RON MALY
Register Staff Writer

AMES, IA. — Contrary to rumor, all of America's factories aren't victims of the sluggish economy. Nebraska, that old football factory from the plains, demonstrated Saturday that it still is in high-gear production with a 48-10 cruise past overmatched Iowa State.

"I'll rate Nebraska No. 1 in the nation when I vote again in the United Press International poll," promised Cyclone Coach Donnie Duncan, whose team lost for the third straight time. "Their offense is as complete and as devastating as any I've seen in a long time."

The victory was the Cornhuskers' fifth straight over Iowa State and set the stage for their Big Eight Conference showdown with Oklahoma Nov. 26 at Lincoln.

Both teams have 6-0 league records, and the winner will advance to the Orange Bowl on Jan. 1. And the loser won't do badly, either.

Representatives from the Cotton and Fiesta bowls were here for the game, played in windy, 23-degree weather with a wind-chill factor ranging from zero to 6. They were, of course, scouting Nebraska in the event the Huskers come up second-best in two weeks.

Although Duncan has voted Nebraska No. 1 five previous times this season, the Huskers are actually No. 3 in the UPI poll and No. 4 in the Associated Press rankings. Still, they have a shot at seizing the national championship.

Asked about bowls, Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne said, "I don't know anything about anything. Obviously, I'd like to go to the Orange Bowl. If not, we're going to have to strike an agreement with Oklahoma, or someone, about the loser of our game, or there's a possibility of us being shut out."

Nebraska, now 9-1 (the loss was to Penn State, 27-24, in the third week of the season), came into the game leading the nation in rushing offense, total offense and scoring.

Held Under Averages

Iowa State, with the Big Eight's No. 1 defense, held the Huskers to less than their averages in total offense and rushing yardage, but it's the bottom line — points — that counts, and in that department Nebraska outdid itself.

The Huskers were averaging 42.2 a game but surpassed that figure when third-string I-back Jeff Smith scored from the 1-yard line with 2 minutes 8 seconds left in the game, after they took possession on an Iowa State fumble at the Cyclone 25.

However, Nebraska paid a price

Statistics			
	Neb.	ISU	
First downs	20	20	
Rushes-yards	60-363	49-211	
Passing yards	97	116	
Return yards	80	0	
Passes	4-7-0	14-26-0	
Punts	3-46	7-43	
Fumbles-lost	0-0	2-1	
Penalties-yards	4-29	4-30	
SCORING			
Nebraska	7	14	13-48
Iowa State	7	0	0-10
Neb — Wilkening 9 run (Seibel kick)			
ISU — Archer 3 run (Giffords kick)			
Neb — Gill 22 run (Seibel kick)			
Neb — Brown 49 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)			
Neb — Rozier 5 run (Seibel kick)			
Neb — Craig 1 run (Seibel kick)			
ISU — FG Giffords 32			
Neb — Vergith 7 run (Seibel kick)			
Neb — Smith 1 run (kick failed)			
A — 52,887			

for the victory. Mike Rozier, the No. 1 I-back with more moves than a belly dancer on Saturday night, twisted an ankle after bolting for 6 yards to the Iowa State 1 late in the third quarter.

Rozier, who came into the game as Nebraska's third-best rusher of all time even though he's just a junior, played no more. After being helped to the bench, he limped to the locker room with 10:45 left in the game. Alongside him was fullback Doug Wilkening, who wound up with 67 yards in seven tries. He, too, was limping.

"I was trying to put some extra effort into the run when my ankle was twisted," Rozier said. "I'll probably take a couple of days off. It's just sore now. I'll be ready for Oklahoma."

Rozier gained 103 yards in 19 carries but wasn't the game's top rusher. That honor went to Iowa State's Harold Brown, the forgotten tailback. The junior college transfer showed a crowd of 52,887 that he was no bust by piling up 115 yards in 16 attempts in his final game at home.

Little Action

Brown had been used sparingly in recent weeks.

Asked why he felt the Cyclones, who will take a 4-5-1 record into their finale next Saturday at Oklahoma State, have struggled, Brown said, "A big reason was that we got gyped on so many calls by the officials."

But no one was blaming the officials Saturday. Nebraska was simply marvelous. The Huskers had walloped Oklahoma State the previous week by the same score, and have been held under 40 points only twice all year.

"It's a good thing we have two weeks before the next game," said Osborne. "We played hard and are beat up. We were down to two healthy backs at the end of the game. The injury to Toby Williams (a defensive tackle who hurt a knee) might be the worst."

"Iowa State is a good team. They played hard and it was a hard-hitting game. I don't think the cold weather had anything to do with the injuries — it was just the hitting."

Iowa State senior place-kicker Alex Giffords set a Big Eight career record for field goals when he booted his 41st in the fourth quarter. It was a 32-yarder that made the score 35-10. But some of the fans booed when Duncan sent in the kicking team.

They wanted Iowa State to go for six points instead of three, but no doubt had forgotten that Giffords was near a record.

Nebraska gained 363 yards on the ground and 97 with passes. Seven different players scored touchdowns for the Huskers, starting with Wilkening, who climaxed a six-play, 41-yard drive with a 9-yard run with 5:42 left in the first quarter.

Iowa State defensive tackle Shamus McDonough said, "The big plays killed us. Nebraska is good — I think they'll beat Oklahoma (a 13-3 winner over Iowa State earlier) big."

Individual Statistics					
RUSHING					
NEBRASKA	No.	Yds.	IOWA STATE	No.	Yds.
Rozier	19	103	Brown	16	115
Wilkening	7	67	Davis	11	47
Gill	6	38	Green	2	-1
Craig	12	19	Lorenzen	2	3
Fryar	3	39	Jacobs	5	10
Schellen	5	26	Archer	12	-20
Smith	5	56	Greene	1	3
Brungardt	2	8			
Vergith	1	7			
PASSING					
NEBRASKA	Ath.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	
Gill	5	3	0	77	
Mathison	2	1	0	20	
IOWA STATE	Ath.	Comp.	Int.	Yds.	
Archer	26	14	0	116	
RECEIVING					
NEBRASKA	No.	Yds.	IOWA STATE	No.	Yds.
Brown	1	49	Brown	6	50
Schellen	1	10	Davis	3	23
Krank	1	18	Geise	2	22
Swanson	1	20	Jacobs	2	10
			Leeks	1	11
TACKLE LEADERS					
NEBRASKA	U.	A.	IOWA STATE	U.	A.
Larsen	3	1	Baker	4	4
Damkroper	5	2	Osborne	5	4
Knox	4	0	McDonough	8	1
McWhirter	8	1	Washington	4	2
Merrell	3	2	Williams	5	2
Felici	7	3	Little	3	1
			Boskey	3	2
			Jessen	3	1
			Carlson	4	3

Season Records		
IOWA STATE	NEBRASKA	
21 Tennessee	23 42 Iowa	7
19 Iowa	7 68 N.A.A. State	0
35 Drake	10 24 Penn State	27
3 Oklahoma	13 41 Auburn	7
44 Kent State	7 40 Colorado	14
17 Missouri	17 42 Kan. State	13
31 Colorado	14 23 Missouri	19
3 Kan. State	9 52 Kansas	0
17 Kansas	24 48 Okla. State	10
10 Nebraska	48 48 Iowa State	10
at Okla. State	at Oklahoma	
	at Hawaii	

Game 10 — Iowa State

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Landing Gill, Rozier was key

AMES, Ia. — Some wag said the turning point of Nebraska's 48-10 Big Eight victory over Iowa State Saturday came when Coach Tom Osborne recruited quarterback Turner Gill and I-back Mike Rozier. Collegiate football success is never quite that simple, but the remark does have merit.

No matter how lopsided the final score looks — and the Cyclone fans who keep muttering that Coach Donnie Duncan's offense is "so predictable" will think it very lopsided — the individual brilliance of these two had much to do with turning a hard-fought contest into a laughter.

Each is gifted with that special quickness, speed and instinct that can only be recruited, not coached. Rozier finds holes where no holes exist and is through 'em like smoke through a keyhole.

"He's an amazing runner. Sometimes I don't understand how he does it," says Osborne, of the running back he had to recruit twice. Mike opted for the Huskers out of high school, failed to meet the entrance requirements, then signed a second letter of intent after getting his grades up in junior college.

Mike went to the Ames dressing room with a sprained ankle before the action ended so his 103 net rushing yards were 50 less than his average. He was showered, dressed and newly taped by game's end — and philosophical.

"I never thought of not signing with Nebraska the second time, because they had faith in me the first time," he said. "I felt wherever I went, I'd be able to play. The Lord gave me a gift. I use it the best I can."

Gill, a young man who just one year ago came out of the Iowa State game with a gimpy foot, a load of pain and a highly questionable future.

GILL IS A junior from Ft. Worth, Texas, who turned down a bonus, said to be \$90,000, to sign with the Chicago White Sox out of high school in favor of coming to Nebraska to play quarterback.

Some high-powered schools were after this young man, but he eliminated all the ones that didn't meet two standards: He wouldn't go to a school that seemed to think of him as a potential defensive back; and he wouldn't go to one that didn't promise he could play baseball in the spring.

Nebraska gave the green light on both accounts and Gill quickly found a happy home. A year ago he was doing nicely in his first season as a starter until he took a hit against the Cyclones.

"I don't even exactly know when it happened," he says. "I kept on playing until late in the game, then that night it got worse. I'd damaged two nerves in my right foot."

During the next four weeks, Gill twice had operations on his foot and he was a very sad young man, missing the finale against Oklahoma, as well as the Orange Bowl game.

"I never had any doubts that I'd play again, but a lot of people seemed to have doubts," recalls Gill.

ROZIER'S RUNNING was the key to the first Husker touchdown, which the Cyclones answered. At this point, Gill stepped front and center at a time when the game was still up for grabs.

Early in the second quarter, on a play installed this week because Husker coaches had noted an Iowa State tendency to go with the flow too enthusiastically, Gill waited until all the rest of the world was rushing in one direction, then ran a bootleg 22 yards the other way for a touchdown and the lead that never again vanished.

The clincher, though, the play that Duncan may have woke up thinking about at, say, 4 a.m. this morning, came with slightly over a minute remaining in the first half — into a stiff wind.

Gill went back to pass and, apparently, all available Cyclones were so busy defending that no one got around to rushing. Given the football equivalent of all day, Turner finally spotted a secondary receiver, split end Todd Brown, who had wiggled behind John Arnaud.

It was a 49-yard scoring strike. More than that, it was a near-fatal blow to Cyclone morale, which had been very high up until this sad moment.

"He's tremendous," says Osborne. "In a way, it's a shame that we have such a good running attack. Otherwise, Gill would be passing more. And he's really an excellent passer."

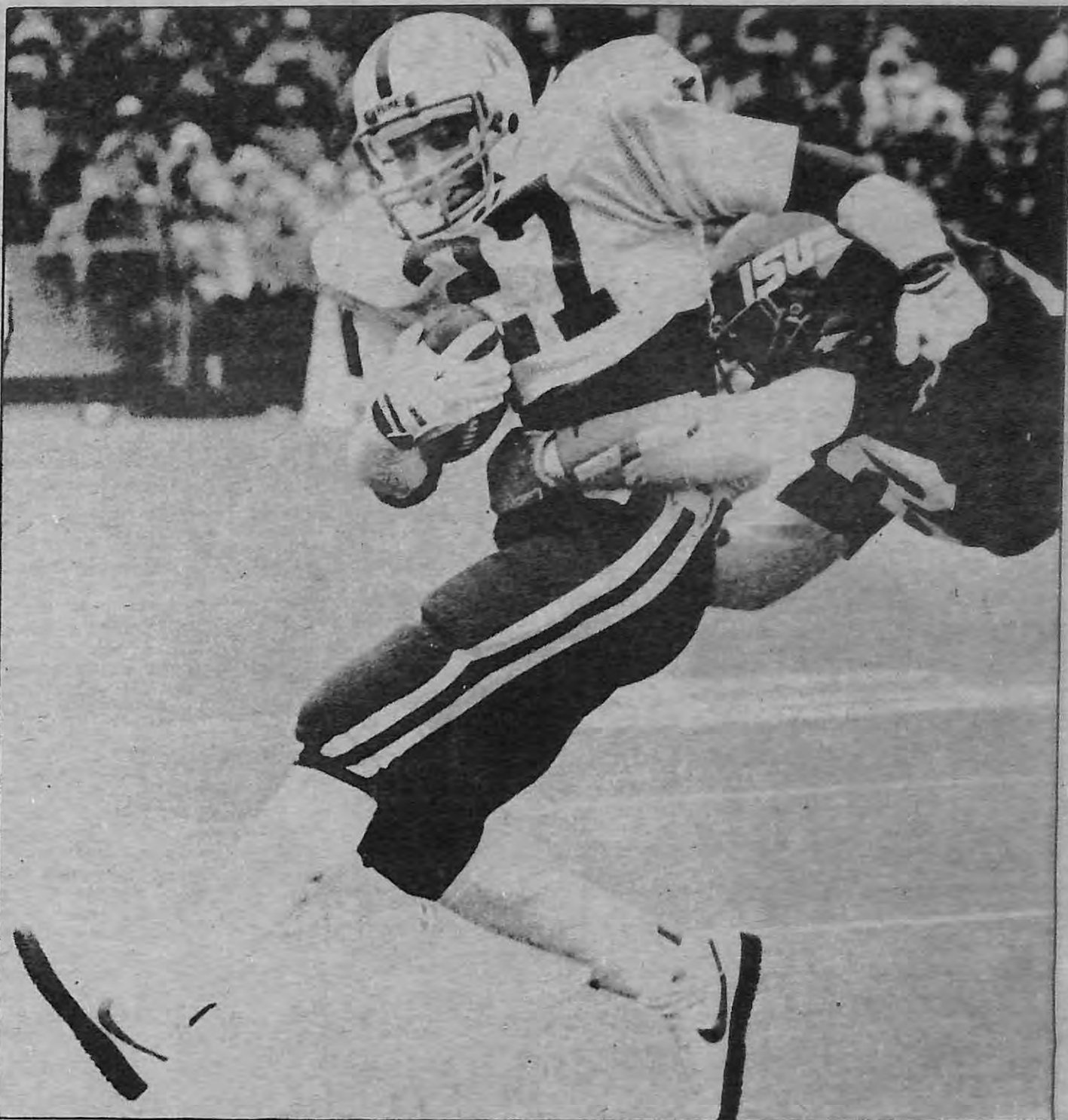
To say nothing of being an excellent runner, leader, etc.

Gill plays the infield in baseball but folks who have put the radar gun on his throws have caught him buzzing a ball at 92 miles per hour, which is making it hum.

"So far, because of the way things have worked out, I haven't played baseball at Nebraska," says Gill.

And why, pray, did he turn down that \$90,000 bonus?

"I wanted four years of having fun in my life before turning to pro sports," says Gill.



AMSTribune, Nov. 15, 1982

Unnerving Irving

Nebraska's Irving Fryar was a thorn in Iowa State's side all day Saturday as the Huskers strolled to a 48-10 win. ISU's Jim Luebbers makes the stop on the Husker

wingback, who rushed for 39 yards on three carries and had a 59-yard punt return to his credit. (Tribune photo by Jim Percival)

AMSTribune, Nov. 16, 1982

Cornhuskers still No. 1 with Duncan

Mention the Nebraska football team to Iowa State Coach Donnie Duncan and his vocabulary becomes limited to words like "explosive" and "devastating."

"I'll rate them No. 1 in the nation when I vote again in the United Press International poll," said Duncan, who watched the No. 3 Cornhuskers breeze to their fifth straight win over the Cyclones — a 48-10 pasting Saturday.

At Iowa State's stadium, seven different Cornhuskers scored touchdowns for Nebraska — rated first nationally in total offense, rushing offense and scoring.

"Their offense is as complete and as devastating as any I've seen in a long time," Duncan said. "They are explosive and hurt you in so many ways."

The Cyclone defense was rated No. 1 in the Big Eight, but was overmatched against the Cornhuskers. Iowa State gave up 460 total yards, including 103 to Nebraska's top I-back, Mike Rozier.

The win was the Cornhuskers' seventh straight and set the stage for their Big Eight showdown with Oklahoma, Nov. 26, at Lincoln. Both teams have 6-0 league records and the winner will advance to the Orange Bowl on Jan. 1.

Duncan, whose team lost to Oklahoma, 13-3, earlier in the season, said Nebraska has a better offense than the Sooners.

"Oklahoma has the better defense," he said. "But Nebraska is still No. 1."

Husker's ranked number one

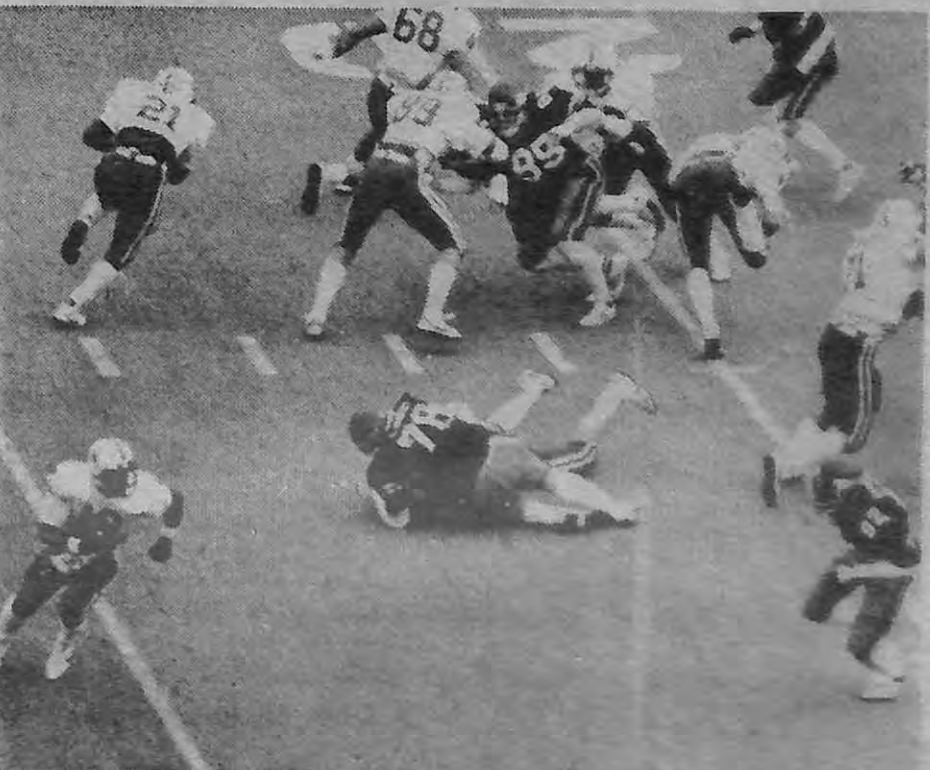
ST. LOUIS — Nebraska moved up to No. 1 in the Sporting News college football ratings released Friday. The ratings will be in the Nov. 15 edition of the weekly publication.

Nebraska moved up from No. 2 when Pittsburgh, the leader the previous week, plummeted to No. 8 following its 31-16 upset by Notre Dame, not ranked by Sporting News.

The ratings are compiled from a poll of Sporting News staff members.

Florida State climbed from 10th to sixth. No. 7 Louisiana State, which beat Alabama 20-10, No. 9 Washington and No. 10 Oklahoma are new teams in the ratings this week.

No. 1 — Nebraska, 2 — SMU, 3 — Penn State, 4 — Arizona State, 5 — Georgia, 6 — Florida State, 7 — LSU, 8 — Pittsburgh.



World-Herald photo/Ed Rath

GILL FAKED a handoff to Roger Craig, swings wide with ISU's Janes Ransom challenging in second quarter, and it's a footrace with Gill scoring.

Big Eight

Big Eight Standings

Conference		All Games	
W	L	W	L
Nebraska.....6	0	9	1
Oklahoma.....6	0	8	2
Oklahoma State.....2	2	3	4
Kansas State.....2	3	5	4
Missouri.....1	3	4	4
Iowa State.....1	4	4	5
Kansas.....1	4	2	6
Colorado.....1	4	2	7

Results Saturday

Nebraska 48.....	Iowa State 10
Oklahoma 41.....	Missouri 14
Colorado 28.....	Kansas 3
Oklahoma State 24.....	Kansas State 16

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA

Dr. Martin A. Massengale
Chancellor

The University of Nebraska, now an institution of three major components — The University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Omaha and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, Omaha — and a collection of agricultural experiment stations and related offices across the state, was chartered by the Nebraska Legislature in 1869 and held its first classes in 1871 in a three-story brick building on the outskirts of Lincoln.

At its chartering, the University was committed to instruct in agriculture, the "mechanic arts," and military tactics by the terms of the Land-Grant College Act of 1862 to which the Legislature subscribed. These special endeavors, however, were made parts of the total University program with the result that Nebraska, unlike some of its neighbors, has had but one major institution of higher education.

The early years were fraught with internal ideological conflicts, with financial problems and with shortages of collegiate students. The University not only survived without interruption, it managed to establish the first program of graduate education west of the Mississippi in the mid-1880's. By 1909 it had attained membership in the select Association of American Universities, a tribute to the high quality of its faculty and scholastic programs.



Robert A. Fougat (left), director of the University of Nebraska Marching Band and Jack R. Snider, director of UN bands.



HONOLULU ADVERTISER, Dec. 1, 1982

Nebraska football program heavy on weight training

One of the most valuable people in the University of Nebraska football program over the years has been, of all people, a pole vaulter.

Boyd Epley, who came to NU as a pole vaulter and ended up staying 12 years past graduation as a strength coach, pioneered what might be the biggest weight program in collegiate athletics.

Epley claims it is definitely the biggest facility. The school has seven weight rooms — including a 13,300 square foot facility for football — and 25 assistants under Epley, whom Cornhusker football coach Tom

Osborne calls the "premier strength coach in the nation."

Epley turned to weight training to build up his back after a pole vaulting injury and eventually began helping interested football players with their training. "Mike Beran, a walk-on, was the first one to ask for my help," Epley remembers. "He was 6-foot, weighed 180 pounds, slow (5.5 in the 40) and wanted to play guard. Gradually he became 230, improved his speed to 4.9 and ended up starting at guard on the national championship team in 1971.

Lincoln, Nebraska

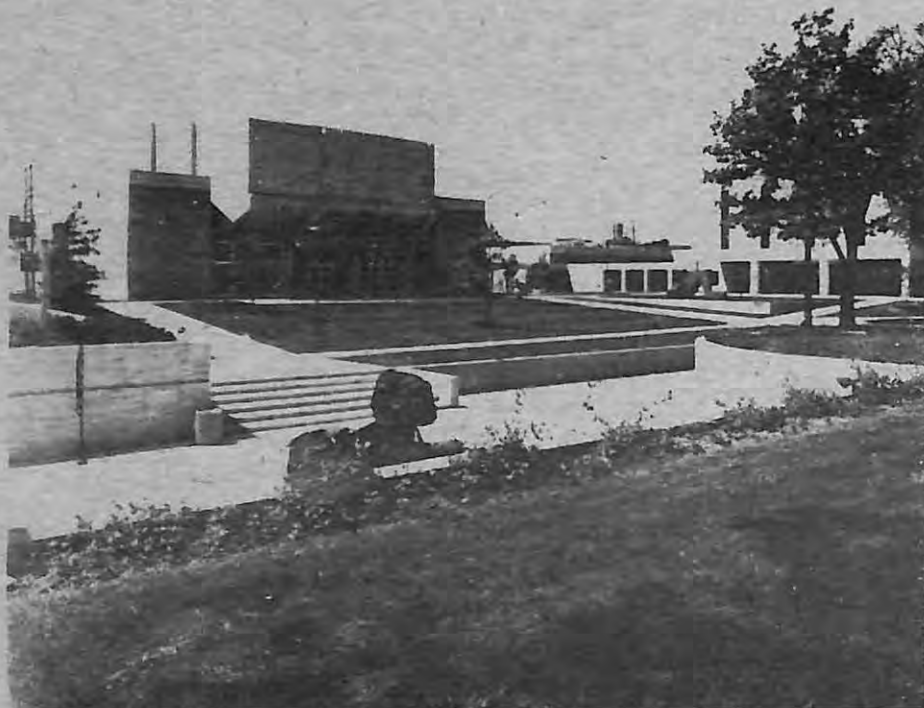
The University of Nebraska-Lincoln now has eight colleges, plus four schools and many other programs. Thirty-nine doctoral level, 61 masters, 110 undergraduate and 15 pre-professional areas of study are offered.

Lack of financial support forced the University in 1888 to close the Medical College it had opened in Lincoln five years earlier. In 1902, the University re-entered the field of medical education, taking over the Omaha Medical College. This became the University of Nebraska Medical Center in Omaha.

Since the adoption of the Nebraska constitution in 1875, the University has been governed by an elected Board of Regents. In 1968, pursuant to legislative action and a city-wide election in Omaha, the Board of Regents was

made responsible for governance of the former municipal University of Omaha, renamed the University of Nebraska at Omaha. In 1970, the number of regents was increased from six to eight. This number was increased again in 1974, when a representative of the student body from each of the three campuses became a non-voting member.

In 1971, the chief executive officer of the University was given the title of President. The executive heads of the three components, the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, the University of Nebraska at Omaha, and the University of Nebraska Medical Center, were accorded the titles of chancellor and Vice President.



Kimball Recital Hall

KANSAS CITY TIMES, Nov. 13, 1982

Polls are nettlesome but needed

If you suspect that your favorite college football team isn't getting the recognition it deserves, blame the coach, blame the quarterback or, better yet, blame the polls.

Everybody in the South and Midwest knows the polls are prejudiced in favor of Eastern teams. Everybody in the Midwest knows they cater to the South. Everybody in the East knows the polls shortchange them.

Everybody at Southern Methodist knows Georgia is ranked No. 1 by the Associated Press only because running back Herschel Walker gets so much publicity. Since SMU was ranked second last week and top-ranked Pittsburgh lost, how could the Mustangs not move up?

Everybody at Arizona State knows the Sun Devils could murder SMU and Georgia — on the same day. Fans at Georgia probably wonder why it took so long for the Bulldogs to gain their deserved spot in the rankings.

When asked why Big Ten teams have been sparse in the top 20 this season, Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler complained that the polls were influenced by regional jealousies. I've heard that complaint before.

When I worked in Miami, Fla., a few years ago, an irate fan from Columbus, Ohio, wrote me a letter claiming that Southern sportswriters like myself were the reason her favorite team, Miami of Ohio, always got the short end of the stick in the polls. I told her nobody from our paper voted in a poll and her team's rinky-dink schedule that year might have been the real problem.

The major-college football polls are issued by the AP and United Press International wire services. The AP employs a nationwide panel of sportswriters to vote for its top 20, and UPI uses a panel of head football coaches, many enlisting the help of their sports information directors.

The number of voters in the AP poll

The morning line.



By Jonathan Rand

from any state is proportional to the number of Division I-A football teams located there.

Since 1975, both polls have picked the same national champion every year except '78, when the AP had Alabama and Southern California one-two and UPI had them in reverse order. Considering no groups of people think less alike than coaches and sportswriters, you've got to be impressed by their agreement on rankings.

Both polls agreed in '69 when Penn State cried bloody murder over being ranked second behind Texas and in 1975, when Arizona State partisans griped that their No. 2 ranking behind Oklahoma was due to a lack of national exposure.

The major inconsistency of the polls is UPI's exclusion of teams on probation by the National Collegiate Athletic Association. The coaches' use of the rankings to punish schools on probation is well-intended but as misguided as if a newspaper refused to cover games involving such teams.

You can always find slight inconsistencies in the polls, such as Nebraska being ranked fourth by the AP this week, one spot above Penn State, although both have 8-1 records and Penn State beat Nebraska.

Overall, though, the polls do an excellent job. They don't favor big-name schools: Oklahoma, Notre Dame and Michigan were dropped from the top 20 this season before getting their acts together. Alabama deservedly has dropped to 17th in the AP poll after a dull four-game stretch including two losses.

Face it, the polls are a necessity if you want to compare teams with similar records but vastly different schedules. A national playoff system would clear up most arguments but isn't practical for college football.

It apparently hasn't occurred to coaches or fans who gripe about the polls how enormously successful they are as public-relations tools for their sport.

What else could make college football fans keep their game faces on long past Saturday afternoon? It's not real smart to be near a phone in any newspaper office on Mondays or Tuesdays, when the weekly AP poll is released.

Bowl committees would be lost trying to make match-ups without the polls. Most bowls try to get the two highest-ranked teams available, with the ideal bowl, of course, matching the teams ranked first and second.

Without the polls to help decide a national champion, it wouldn't be nearly as interesting working off a hangover in front of a television set on New Year's Day.

Fans who cry about the polls usually are arguing with their hearts, not their heads. Most coaches who cry about them are biting a hand that feeds them.



Bob Devaney

a legend at Nebraska where he turned-out the football program, won two national championships and, as athletic director, has directed upgrading of the entire athletic program.

BOB DEVANEY'S CAREER RECORD AGAINST ALL OPPONENTS

(Listed Alphabetically)	Won	Lost	Tied	Pct.	N.C.	Points Opp.
Air Force	2	3	1	.417	75	82
Alabama	1	2	0	.333	73	79
Arizona	0	2	0	.000	34	41
Arkansas	0	1	0	.000	7	10
Army	2	0	0	1.000	105	7
Auburn	1	0	0	1.000	13	7
Brigham Young	4	0	1	.900	109	34
Colorado	10	1	0	.909	303	111
Colorado State	5	0	0	1.000	121	34
Denver	3	1	0	.750	114	28
Georgia	1	0	0	1.000	45	6
Hawaii	1	0	0	1.000	45	3
Hardin-Simmons	1	0	0	1.000	14	6
Iowa State	10	0	1	.955	294	110
Kansas	9	2	1	.792	335	127
Kansas State	11	2	0	.846	369	116
Louisiana State	1	0	0	1.000	17	12
Miami (Fla.)	1	0	0	1.000	36	34
Michigan	1	0	0	1.000	25	13
Minnesota	8	0	0	1.000	225	73
Missouri	7	4	0	.636	227	92
Montana	5	0	0	1.000	142	14
New Mexico	4	1	0	.800	103	56
North Carolina State	3	0	0	1.000	60	28
Notre Dame	1	0	0	1.000	40	6
Oklahoma	5	6	0	.455	207	241
Oklahoma State	11	1	0	.917	292	159
Oregon	1	0	0	1.000	34	7
Oregon State	1	0	0	1.000	28	0
San Jose State	1	0	0	1.000	28	7
South Carolina	1	0	0	1.000	28	6
South Dakota	2	0	0	1.000	109	0
South Dakota State	1	0	0	1.000	58	7
Southern California	0	1	1	.250	42	52
Texas A&M	3	0	0	1.000	85	14
Texas Christian	3	0	0	1.000	77	24
Texas Tech	1	0	0	1.000	10	7
UCLA	0	1	0	.000	17	20
Utah	5	1	0	.833	122	63
Utah State	4	1	2	.714	176	70
Wake Forest	1	0	0	1.000	36	12
Washington	1	0	0	1.000	17	7
Wisconsin	2	0	0	1.000	68	3
Wyoming	1	0	0	1.000	13	10
Totals	136	30	7	.806	4,378	1,838

'Battle of the Big Eight'

MIAMI HERALD, Nov. 26, 1982

No. 3 Nebraska brings the nation's No. 1 offense into its annual showdown for an Orange Bowl berth.

By GARY LONG
Herald Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — Anthony Steels, a senior wingback on the 1981 University of Nebraska football team, could carry a tune even better than he carried a football.

When Steels was called upon to entertain Coach Tom Osborne's troops at last year's postseason banquet, all that remained was for several of his teammates to hoist a piano onto the stage.

Naturally, the first man recruited was 6-2½, 290-pound center Dave Rimington, the only two-time winner of the Outland Trophy awarded to the nation's outstanding collegiate interior lineman. Rimington looks like he could bench-press a piano.

Rimington, who later was called up to receive one of the awards that made him the most honored of the 1981 Big Eight champions, demonstrated that he is quick of wit as well as astonishingly quick afoot for a man of his bulk.

"Now I know what they mean by skilled and unskilled positions," Rimington quipped, nodding toward Steels. "I lift; he sings."

Singing is not the only talent that the 1982 Cornhuskers, who will bid for a second consecutive Big Eight title and Orange Bowl invitation today against Oklahoma (2:45 p.m., Ch. 4), are blessed with in the "skill" positions.

Junior I-back Mike Rozier, already selected to one All-American team this year, has surpassed a 32-year-old, single-season rushing record with 1,482 yards. Rozier also is within 410 yards of I.M. Hipp's Cornhusker career mark of 2,814.

Junior quarterback Turner Gill, who spent Orange Bowl week last year wondering if he ever would walk properly again, has returned as catalyst for the nation's No. 1 offense despite lingering numbness in his foot.

But traditionally at Nebraska, it has been the "unskilled" laborers up front, whether on offense or the "Black Shirt" defense, that have paved the way for a 194-44-4 record over the past 21 seasons.

This year's third-ranked Nebraska team, despite a 27-24 last-second loss at Penn State that is the lone blemish in 10 games, has to rate as Osborne's best and as a rival to former Cornhusker Coach Bob Devaney's 1970 and 1971 national championship outfits.

The reason is evident in the All-Big Eight teams announced this week. Starting with center Rimington, the entire left side of Nebraska's offensive line is first team: left guard Mike Mandelko, left tackle Randy Theiss and tight end Jamie Williams.

Rimington has a 20-inch neck, "though sometimes I can squeeze into a 19½ shirt." But pants are the problem. He has a 40-inch waist with 32-inch thighs and a 36-inch inseam. Shopping is a challenge.

Rimington grew up on Nebraska football. His first memory of the Cornhuskers dates back to the 1969 team's 45-6 Sun Bowl victory "over a pretty good Georgia team, and I've been kind of hooked ever since." He never entertained the notion of going anywhere but Nebraska, where he has been an All-American in the classroom as well as on the field.

Gill, by contrast, grew up in Fort Worth, Tex., "dreaming of playing football at either Texas or Oklahoma. I guess I'd have gone to Oklahoma if they had run any offense but the Wishbone. I wanted to pass more."

A sleight-of-hand magician running the option, Gill also has a strong right arm that has been clocked at up to 90 miles per hour throwing a baseball.

The Cornhuskers' coach provides another reminder. A scholarly, introspective, oft-times bland individual, Osborne joined Devaney's Nebraska staff in 1962 after playing wide receiver for two seasons with the Washington Redskins and another with the San Francisco 49ers.

He earned his master's degree in 1963 and a PhD in 1965 but remained a coach and became the head man in 1973.

Operating in the shadow of the popular Devaney, who remains as athletic director, hasn't been easy for Osborne. Comparisons continue. For all Osborne's success, with each of his teams winding up in someone's top 10, he never has completed a season with fewer than two losses.

He keeps his private thoughts to himself, but observers say the 22-15 loss to Clemson in the 1982 Orange Bowl crushed him. Because No. 2 Georgia and No. 3 Alabama already had lost, No. 4 Nebraska might have vaulted past No. 1 Clemson to a national championship with a victory.

That national title may yet come this season. Nebraska has had better defenses than this year, which is built-around linebackers Steve Damkroger and Steve McWhirter and ranked No. 8 statistically in the nation. But that offense...

No. 11 Oklahoma counters with a rejuvenated offense designed around freshman Marcus Dupree.

By TIM COWLISHAW
Special to The Herald

NORMAN, Okla. — Hindsight always makes these things look easy. But Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer didn't have that to rely on Sept. 27 when he tried to piece together the 1982 season.

Switzer, the winningest active college coach with an .858 percentage, had watched his Sooners suffer rare home-field losses to West Virginia (41-27) and Southern Cal (12-0) and fall to 1-2 for the first time in his 10-year tenure.

The loss to USC was an especially bitter pill for Switzer to swallow. His beloved wishbone offense, the vehicle that had driven the Sooners to the top of the national rankings in the mid-1970s, had been shut down by the Trojans.

The same offense that had baffled USC's defense for 307 rushing yards in 1981 had been limited to 43 yards this year — the lowest figure in the 12-year history of the Sooner wishbone. Not only that, the shutout halted Oklahoma's consecutive-game scoring streak at 181, an NCAA record.

In the past, Oklahoma's losses always could be blamed on mistakes. If the Sooners didn't beat themselves, their fans believed, they would win. Switzer's 90-13-3 record over his first nine years lent undeniable support to their argument.

West Virginia's season-opening upset, triggered by Jeff Hostetler's four touchdown passes and 321 yards through the air, had merely exposed a vulnerable young Oklahoma secondary. For Sooner fans, that was permissible.

But 43 yards rushing was not.

So Switzer faced a dilemma: To buck the mounting evidence and stick with the offense he had proudly defended or to abandon it for the widely used I-formation.

But after the two losses, Switzer did not hesitate to second-guess his earlier decision. The 45-year-old head coach switched his Sooners to the I and relegated the wishbone to a short-yardage offense.

His explanation: "I think the wishbone is a great offense — if you have the personnel, I just think we ought to make a change. I've always wanted to have a balanced offense. I'm not talking about number of plays: 30 passes, 30 runs; I'm talking about when you get behind in a ballgame, you can't rely on 19-play, 90-yard drives to win for you."

Switzer said defenses were taking the pitch away from the Sooners' triple option, preventing the halfbacks from getting outside. Stanley Wilson, a 1,000-yard rusher at fullback in 1981 who had been converted to halfback this year, led the team in rushing after three games with just 162 yards on 32 carries. The numbers for freshman Dupree were even less impressive — 12 carries for 20 yards.

The Sooners unveiled their new act opening the Big Eight schedule at Ames. Running 70 percent from the I, Oklahoma rushed for 280 yards and posted a sluggish 13-3 victory over Iowa State. Dupree, playing tailback, gained 62 yards on 13 carries.

But the Iowa State game was merely a pop quiz for Oklahoma. The Sooners' midterm exam came the following week against archrival Texas. The Longhorns possessed a much stronger defense than Iowa State, and the I-formation no longer would be a surprise.

But on Oct. 9, a new season began for the Sooners. Although the seven-game winning streak they bring into today's game at Nebraska started with Iowa State, the Sooners' rebirth truly took shape against then-unbeaten Texas.

It happened in Dallas' Cotton Bowl, where the Sooners had first displayed their wishbone 11 years earlier. This time they showcased not only an offense but also a budding superstar in Dupree.

On his second carry of the day, Dupree took a pitch from quarterback Kelly Phelps, faked a handoff to flanker Steve Sewell and traveled 63 yards down the right side of the field to open the scoring. He finished with 96 yards on nine carries as Oklahoma claimed a 28-22 victory.

To say Dupree has carried the Sooners ever since is only mild exaggeration. Oklahoma's defense has been superb, allowing only 60 points — six fewer than Nebraska — in six Big Eight games.

In six consecutive games, Dupree has scored a touchdown from at least 30 yards out. Actually, a 30-yard sweep against Oklahoma State was one of his shortest scoring runs. His others include the 63-yard sprint against Texas, a 75-yard run vs. Kansas, a 77-yard punt return vs. Colorado, an 80-yard run vs. Kansas State and 70-yard run vs. Missouri.

If one had to pick the most significant run, the long gainer against Missouri stands out for two reasons. First, the 70-yard gain erased Buster Rhymes' name from the OU record book as the top freshman rusher in school history. Rhymes gained 659 yards two seasons ago; Dupree has amassed 756 yards (7.3 average) with one game remaining.

MIAMI HERALD, Nov. 26, 1982

Penn State-Pitt, Huskers-Sooners in showdowns

It wouldn't be surprising if football players from Penn State, Pittsburgh, Oklahoma and Nebraska didn't partake of too much Thanksgiving turkey on Thursday.

That way, they'll stay hungry for today's two key contests that will decide bragging rights, a conference title and possibly pave the way to a national championship.

No. 2 Penn State will host arch-rival and fifth-ranked Pittsburgh in a nationally televised contest that will decide the "Beast of the East," as the Nittany Lions' Todd Blackledge says.

"There are so many things at stake it's difficult to keep from getting carried away," said the junior quarterback of the contest at University Park, Pa.

Both teams will play in bowl games on New Year's Day. The Nittany Lions meet top-ranked Georgia in the Sugar Bowl and the Panthers take on fourth-ranked Southern Methodist in the Cotton Bowl.

A bowl invitation is probably what Oklahoma and Nebraska players also have in mind as the two teams prepare to battle each other for the Big Eight Conference title. The No. 3 Cornhuskers will host the ninth-ranked Sooners at Lincoln, Neb., and the winner will go to the Orange Bowl to face Louisiana State.

Nebraska has been busy preparing for its contest with Oklahoma, but Cornhuskers' coach Tom Osborne said that star I-back Mike Rozier was unlikely to start and defensive back Toby Williams probably wouldn't play.

"Mike will need to be 100 percent to be effective against Oklahoma," Osborne said. "Since he's practiced the last three days, I imagine he'll try and play, but I don't know how much he'll be able to do."

He said Williams, who suffered a strained knee in the Iowa State game Nov. 13, probably would dress for the game but is unlikely to see any action.

LOS ANGELES TIMES, Nov. 26, 1982

Nebraska Plays For the Orange Bowl

It's Penn State vs. Pittsburgh for "Beast of the East" Title

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DES MOINES REGISTER, Nov. 23, 1982

Idle Georgia retains No. 1; Penn State passes SMU

Penn State moved into second place Monday in the Associated Press college football poll, setting up a possible national championship meeting with top-rated Georgia in the Sugar Bowl.

Although Penn State did not play over the weekend, the Nittany Lions climbed from third place to second when Southern Methodist, last week's runner-up, was held to a 17-17 tie by Arkansas.

Penn State winds up its regular season Friday against fifth-ranked Pitt, while Georgia, also idle last weekend, closes Saturday against Georgia Tech.

Georgia, the nation's only unbeaten and untied major college team, was a near-unanimous choice for No. 1 with 52 of 57 first-place votes and 1,133 of a possible

1,140 points. Nebraska, which meets Oklahoma on Friday for the Big Eight championship, rose from fourth to third on the strength of three first-place votes and 1,018 points.

Associated Press		Nov. 16	
First-place votes and records in parentheses. Points based on 20-19-18-17-16-15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 for first through 20th place.		Points	Rating
1. Georgia (12-0)	10-0	1,133	1
2. Penn State (11-0)	9-1	1,057	2
3. Nebraska (12-0)	9-1	1,018	3
4. So. Methodist (10-0-1)	10-0-1	949	4
5. Pittsburgh (9-1)	9-1	898	5
6. Arizona State (9-1)	9-1	817	6
7. Louisiana State (10-1)	10-1	749	7
8. UCLA (9-1-1)	9-1-1	704	8
9. Arkansas (8-1-1)	8-1-1	676	9
10. Clemson (8-1-1)	8-1-1	654	10
11. Oklahoma (8-2)	8-2	531	11
12. West Virginia (9-2)	9-2	447	12
13. Washington (9-2)	9-2	444	13
14. Texas (7-2)	7-2	333	14
15. Florida State (8-2)	8-2	322	15
16. Maryland (8-3)	8-3	252	16
17. Southern California (7-3)	7-3	243	17
18. Ohio State (8-3)	8-3	146	18
19. Tulsa (10-1)	10-1	129	19
20. Michigan (10-3)	10-3	123	20

Switzer Extols NU to Skies

By JIM LASSITER

NORMAN — The Big Lie.

All of us occasionally are granted one of the tiny three, the favorite being: The check's in the mail. But if there's any justice, football coaches are never allowed that one.

Football coaches spend their Big Lie allotment on football opponents. Any coach worth his whistle can stretch the English language superlatives to the maximum in building up the big game. Or even the little game.

Tuesday, Barry Switzer told his Big Lie for the week, nearly hyperextending his tongue in playing the game. By the time Switzer had concluded extolling the virtues of the Nebraska Cornhuskers, you wondered if these Big Red pretenders from the north rode with Genghis Khan instead of Tom Osborne, the cherub-faced doctor of psychology who once lectured in the Teacher's College.

The Oklahoma coach picked at his lunch, which was unlike him, but understandable under the circumstances. The speech he had on the tip of his tongue would have been enough to fill the belly of Dave Rimginton, the 300-pound road hog who plays in the middle of the Nebraska line.

No sooner had the press corps flipped on tape recorders and drawn pen and paper than Switzer dropped the bombshell. "Nebraska is the best team we have played since I've been head coach at the University of Oklahoma," he said, hiding behind his best poker face.

For non-history buffs, Barry Switzer's OU

coaching tenure dates back to 1973. The Sooners have played 116 games in the interim, winning 98, college ball's winningest percentage.

On three different occasions: Texas in 1977, Nebraska in 1979 and Florida State in 1980, Oklahoma played against teams that were unbeaten, winning twice. Two of those teams, Texas and Florida State, went all the way through the regular season without a loss.

And if you've paid attention, you know that Nebraska is not unbeaten in 1982. It's rather a moot point whether or not that 27-24 blemish at the hands of Penn State was merited or the result of an official's bad call. The fact remains, the Cornshuckers were blotted by a team that lost a game when its punter kicked the football into his blocker's backside.

Really now, any team that has a punter who kicks a teammate in the fanny is not perfect. And any team that can lose to that team is certainly not without sin.

But when you're a football coach and you're the betting underdog, you can tell the Big Lie and get away with it. It's in the football coaches' constitution and Tuesday Switzer exercised his inalienable right.

The Oklahoma coach said Nebraska's offense is the best offensive team Oklahoma has faced. Ever. As proof, he cited the quarterbacking of Turner Gill, the running of Mike Rozier and the overall play of the line anchored by Rimginton, the only two-time Outland Trophy winner in history.

Specifically, he says Gill is Nebraska's "most talented, most gifted quarterback

ever" because of his dual run-pass ability. He says Nebraska has "never in history" had a running back like Rozier. And he says Rimginton is "the best center in college football history ... or at least the best since the center at Arkansas in '59."

Barry Switzer, of course, played center at Arkansas in 1959, and his comment shows that fattening up the Cornshuckers' ego at least hasn't cost him his sense of humor. For it's a matter of record that even though Rimginton has been favorably compared with many of the best to ever play the game, the OU coach became the first to compare him to the '59 Arkansas center.

Barry Switzer also became the first to question that Oklahoma will have the best defense when the two Big Reds collide Friday for the Big Eight championship. Every other Big Eight coach polled on the subject has given Nebraska the offensive edge and Oklahoma a defensive advantage. Despite that, Switzer said, "That's not much consolation because they have an assaulting offensive team."

A year ago, when Nebraska beat Oklahoma for the second time in the last 11 games, the Huskers had a stronger defense than it does this time and Oklahoma still had 350 yards of offense. The Sooners' inept defense simply could not stop Nebraska, which cruised in with a 37-14 win.

Now the roles are reversed and most coaches say they prefer to have the better defense in the big game and Barry Switzer is no different. Nebraska has the better record and the higher ranking, so something must go to the underdog. That something is the Big Lie and Tuesday Barry Switzer was using it.

The Game:

HONOLULU ADVERTISER, Nov. 27, 1982

Thrown for a loss

Nebraska stops Oklahoma, 28-24

By Gary Long

Knight-Ridder Newspapers

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MIAMI HERALD: NU's Turner Gill is on target most of the time. With his 82-for-144 accuracy, 11 touchdowns and only 11 interceptions, Gill would rank sixth nationally in passing efficiency if the Cornhuskers put the ball in the air more.

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DAILY OKLAHOMAN, Nov. 16, 1982

Osborne Replies To Barry's 'Jab'

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — Nebraska football coach Tom Osborne set the record straight at Monday's meeting of the Extra-Point Club.

The Cornhuskers' Big Eight Conference showdown with Oklahoma is less than two weeks away, but already Sooner head coach Barry

Switzer is taking verbal "jabs" at Nebraska, according to Osborne.

The one to which Osborne responded Monday referred to OU running back Marcus Dupree, a 6-3, 245-pound freshman from Philadelphia, Miss.

Dupree is a tailback in Oklahoma's I-formation offense, one which is almost "identical" to Nebraska's. "You look at the film, and it's about like looking at us," Osborne said.

After Dupree rushed for 166 yards and scored two touchdowns in Oklahoma's 41-14 victory over Missouri last Saturday, Switzer said it was good Dupree isn't at Nebraska because the Cornhuskers don't play freshmen.

"If Marcus Dupree was up here, we'd find a place for him to play somewhere," Osborne said with a smile. "He's an awesome player."

Osborne's reaction to Switzer's remark began the build-up for a Nov. 26 game that will decide the league title and determine who will be playing in the Orange Bowl on New Year's Day.

"Barry loves to jab us; he's a good one to find an edge," Osborne said.

USA TODAY, Nov. 26, 1982

TODAY IN SPORTS:

■ The stakes will be as high as ever when two of the hottest rivalries in college football resume. First, at noon, EST, Pitt (9-1) and Penn State (9-1) fight for the state's bragging rights and a chance for a national championship. Sugar Bowl officials still are hoping Penn State will be No. 2 when it plays No. 1 Georgia (10-0). Pitt takes to the road hoping to avenge last year's only loss, 28-14. Then, at 2:30 p.m., EST, Nebraska (9-1) and Oklahoma (8-2) will debate the Big-8 championship and a trip to the Orange Bowl. Nebraska's only loss is to Penn State but since then have outscored opponents 294-74. Oklahoma has come on strong after a 1-2 start.

MIAMI HERALD, Nov. 26, 1982

Husker-Sooner series

Oklahoma leads, 33-26-3

1912	Nebraska 13, Oklahoma 9	1952	Oklahoma 34, Nebraska 13
1919	Nebraska 7, Oklahoma 7	1953	Oklahoma 30, Nebraska 7
1921	Nebraska 44, Oklahoma 0	1954	Oklahoma 55, Nebraska 7
1922	Nebraska 39, Oklahoma 0	1955	Oklahoma 41, Nebraska 0
1923	Nebraska 24, Oklahoma 0	1956	Oklahoma 54, Nebraska 6
1924	Oklahoma 14, Nebraska 7	1957	Oklahoma 32, Nebraska 7
1925	Nebraska 12, Oklahoma 0	1958	Oklahoma 40, Nebraska 7
1928	Nebraska 44, Oklahoma 6	1959	Nebraska 25, Oklahoma 21
1929	Nebraska 13, Oklahoma 13		
1930	Oklahoma 20, Nebraska 7	1960	Nebraska 17, Oklahoma 14
1931	Nebraska 13, Oklahoma 0	1961	Oklahoma 21, Nebraska 14
1932	Nebraska 5, Oklahoma 0	1962	Oklahoma 34, Nebraska 6
1933	Nebraska 16, Oklahoma 7	1963	Nebraska 29, Oklahoma 20
1934	Nebraska 6, Oklahoma 0	1964	Oklahoma 17, Nebraska 7
1935	Nebraska 19, Oklahoma 0	1965	Nebraska 21, Oklahoma 9
1936	Nebraska 14, Oklahoma 0	1966	Oklahoma 10, Nebraska 9
1937	Nebraska 0, Oklahoma 0	1967	Oklahoma 21, Nebraska 14
1938	Oklahoma 14, Nebraska 0	1968	Oklahoma 47, Nebraska 0
1939	Nebraska 13, Oklahoma 7	1969	Nebraska 44, Oklahoma 14
1940	Nebraska 13, Oklahoma 0	1970	Nebraska 28, Oklahoma 21
1941	Nebraska 7, Oklahoma 6	1971	Nebraska 35, Oklahoma 31
1942	Nebraska 7, Oklahoma 0	1972	Oklahoma 17, Nebraska 14
1943	Oklahoma 26, Nebraska 7	1973	Oklahoma 27, Nebraska 0
1944	Oklahoma 31, Nebraska 12	1974	Oklahoma 28, Nebraska 14
1945	Oklahoma 20, Nebraska 0	1975	Oklahoma 35, Nebraska 10
1946	Oklahoma 27, Nebraska 6	1976	Oklahoma 20, Nebraska 17
1947	Oklahoma 14, Nebraska 13	1977	Oklahoma 38, Nebraska 7
1948	Oklahoma 41, Nebraska 14	1978	Nebraska 17, Oklahoma 14
1949	Oklahoma 48, Nebraska 0	1979	*Oklahoma 31, Nebraska 24
		1980	Oklahoma 17, Nebraska 14
1950	Oklahoma 49, Nebraska 35	1981	Nebraska 37, Oklahoma 14
1951	Oklahoma 27, Nebraska 0		

* 1979 Orange Bowl

NU, OU need time to heal

COLUMBIA DAILY TRIBUNE, Nov. 15, 1982

The Nebraska-Oklahoma showdown is still over a week away. Good thing for Oklahoma. Good thing for Nebraska.

Three-fourths BIG EIGHT of Oklahoma's backfield was absent from practice yesterday, leaving senior quarterback Kelly Phelps the only healthy starter in the group.

Freshman tailback Marcus Du-

pree remained hospitalized with what doctors described as an "upper respiratory infection." Dupree's condition was listed as improved and he was expected to be released today.

Senior fullback Stanley Wilson, recovering from a concussion he suffered in Saturday's game, was out of practice but is expected to return this weekend. Sophomore wingback Steve Sewell was admitted to the health center yesterday with influenza.

And says Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne: "It's a doggone good thing we have the week off."

Three Cornhuskers are still hurt-

ing from injuries suffered in last week's win over Iowa State. Sidelined yesterday were I-back Mike Rozier (sprained ankle), fullback Doug Wilkening (sprained ankle) and defensive tackle Toby Williams (knee strain).

Oklahoma State Coach Jimmy Johnson praised defenders Mike Green and Gary Lewis for their performances in practice. "The pro scouts tell me they'll both be high draft choices," he said. "In fact, I'm told that Gary could be one of the top two or three defensive linemen picked in the country."

Oklahoma State hosts Iowa State Saturday.



Tim Brungardt came to the Huskers from Norfolk Catholic. At 6-0, 205 and a junior, he's been a reliable I-back reliever for oft-injured Rozier and Craig. He was an all-conference and all-state tourney basketball choice in high school.

Huskers earn OB berth, 28-24

MIAMI HERALD, Nov. 27, 1982

By GARY LONG
Herald Sports Writer

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Gancitano boots Penn State past Pitt, 19-10 / 2C

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Strasburger leaped to intercept at the 23-yard line and raced down to the Oklahoma one before he was tripped up. He immediately was buried, not by Sooners or Cornhuskers but by fans. In fact, the Big Red's over-eager admirers flooded the field

with 26 seconds yet to play, and the unsportsmanlike-conduct penalty pushed the ball back out to the 16.

It mattered little. Oklahoma already had spent its three time-outs, and Nebraska quarterback Turner Gill simply stepped back and knelt to the turf after the final snap.

The Huskers, 10-1 with a Dec. 4 date left against Hawaii, had their second Big Eight title and OB invitation in a row.

Oklahoma (8-3) will settle for a Fiesta Bowl consolation prize.

"With Penn State winning," said Stan Marks, chairman of the OB's selection committee, "whoever wins the Sugar Bowl game is going to be the national champion."

That will match Georgia, rated No. 1 barring an improbable upset by arch rival Georgia Tech today, against No. 2 Penn State.

Marks should only hope that the OB contest can approach Friday's for thrills. It wasn't "The Game of the Century," the tag hung on Nebraska's 35-31 triumph over Oklahoma in 1971. But it bore a resemblance.

Nebraska, leading the nation in total offense and scoring, couldn't match its 524-yard average output but managed 409 yards, 298 of them on the ground.

Oklahoma, second only to Nebraska in rushing statistics, accumulated 270 yards the hard way thanks to 149 by Marcus Dupree, and the Sooners had 385 yards in offense. The numbers accurately reflected how close this one was.

"There were no losers out there," said Dave Rimington, the 290-pound Nebraska center and two-time Outland Award winner.

For much of the afternoon, it appeared that whoever had the ball last would win. The offenses were living up to their billing.

Nebraska marched 44 yards in 10 plays, after the Sooners' Scott Case fumbled a punt, to go on top. Gill scrambled 14 yards for the touchdown on a fourth-and-one play.

But Oklahoma answered with a 65-yard drive in 12 plays and scored on a two-yard sweep by Dupree. The Sooners then ate up 66 yards in nine plays to set up a 24-yard field goal by Michael Keeling for a 10-7 edge.

Nebraska fullback Doug Wilkening capped a 78-yard drive in seven plays with a two-yard plunge, however, then finished a seven-play, 62-yard push by bursting 14 yards up the middle untouched. Nebraska carried that 21-10 margin to the locker room at halftime.

Oklahoma appeared to be in trouble early in the second half when Steve Sewell got back only to the 15-yard line with his kickoff return and Oklahoma's first two plays lost a yard.

But that's when Dupree, the 228-pound freshman for whom Coach Barry Switzer shifted out of the wishbone early this season, flashed the skills that have brought comparisons with Georgia's Herschel Walker.

He took a pitch around left end, burst between defenders Damkroger and Kris Van Norman and turned on the afterburners down the sideline for an 86-yard TD run.

"Their tight end pinned our defensive tackle and me inside and allowed Dupree to bounce it outside," Damkroger said. "I dove at him and hit him, but it wasn't even enough to slow him down."

An exchange of punts later, the Huskers launched an 11-play, 80-yard drive that was kept alive early by a 15-yard personal-foul penalty against safety Steve Haworth, who roughed up Gill as he forced him out of bounds on a third-down scramble.

1-back Roger Craig, who replaced limping Mike Rozier after the first half, got the touchdown from three yards out, and Kevin Seibel's kick made it 28-17.

When Oklahoma came right back with a 13-play, 78-yard drive capped by a one-yard dive by Wilson, a pattern seemed unmistakable.

But the fourth quarter was scoreless.

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Huskers came out roaring

By GARY LONG
Herald Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — "Not a whole lot of defense out there for a while," center Dave Rimington said, summarizing Friday's first three quarters of Nebraska's 28-24 victory over Oklahoma.

"When you have two of the best football teams in America coming together, there are going to be fireworks."

But wingback Irving Fryar, the Cornhuskers' unsung hero in the Big Eight showdown, figures he knows why the offenses, at least Nebraska's, fizzled down the stretch.

"We just ran everything we had in the first half," he said, chuckling.

He wasn't joking. Wingback reverses, wide-receiver reverses, bounced laterals to set up the bomb . . . Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne, a scholarly sort not particularly known for his daring, acted like he was consulting Florida State's bag of tricks.

The Huskers, despite the traditional power in their offensive line, proved against the Sooners that they are much more than a tackle-to-tackle running team.

Fryar, a junior, was in the middle of just about everything, including the bounced lateral from quarterback Turner Gill on which he fielded the ball like a shortstop and promptly spiraled it 37 yards downfield to tight end Mitch Krenk.

If the play looked familiar, it's one Wisconsin scored with in the final minute of a 29-28 loss to Illinois earlier this season.

"I'm supposed to act like it's a messed-up play when it bounces," Fryar said. "But I don't think they went for the fake. The guy was right in my face. I grabbed it and threw. I was on my back when I heard the crowd roar." Krenk made a sensational, one-hand-

ed grab as he was dropped from behind.

That play set up fullback Doug Wilkening's two-yard plunge for the touchdown that put Nebraska ahead to stay, 14-10, early in the second quarter. But the suspense lasted all day.

"I was sweating the whole game," Fryar said. "When we got that pass-interference penalty [giving Oklahoma a first down at the Huskers' 39 with 3½ minutes left], I thought, 'Oh, no, not again.'"

He was thinking of a 65-yard payoff drive that Penn State put together in the final 78 seconds two months ago to hand Nebraska its lone loss, 27-24.

But this time, the Huskers held, and Fryar joined teammates in cries of "To the beach." They're bound for Hawaii first for a game that should not test them. But the beach he was talking about is in Miami, site of the Orange Bowl.

Fryar also carried on the aforementioned reverses, and his numbers for the afternoon were: one pass completion, 37 yards; three carries from scrimmage, 20 yards; four pass receptions, 45; one punt return, two yards, and two kickoff returns, 37. A busy afternoon.

"I knew that Mike Rozier was hurting," he said of the hobbled 1-back, who gained 96 yards in 13 first-half carries before reinjuring an ankle. "I knew that somebody had to pick up the slack, and I hoped it would be me."

Another helping hand, though, came from Roger Craig, a 1,000-yard rusher as a junior who has taken a secondary role this year because of his own assortment of injuries and Rozier's effectiveness. Craig netted 56 yards on 17 carries, emphasizing just how many weapons Osborne has at his disposal.

Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer, rather than bemoan his team's loss, said proudly, "We played a great team very well."



MITCH KRENK



SCOTT STRASBURGER



BARRY SWITZER
OU head coach

TULSA WORLD, Nov. 27, 1982

Nebraska's Mass of Blockers Leaves Oklahoma Searching for Answers

By CLAY HENRY
World Sports Writer

LINCOLN, Neb. — That complex juggernaut Nebraska calls offense is predicated on a variety of traps, reverses and options. Confusion is its intent.

Oklahoma defensive tackle Ricky Bryan, All-America from Coweta, hinted that the Cornhuskers were successful in Friday's 28-24 victory.

"They kept us off balance all day," Bryan said. "We whupped 'em when they came right at us. But they don't do that much. They pull linemen on every play. You get through one guy and here's another one blocking you."

"NEBRASKA CAME IN HERE leading the nation in rushing. We have a pretty good defense against the rush, but I think they probably left here leading the nation in rushing."

Bryan admitted he was often confused by the Cornhusker scheme. He said, "I'm usually pretty good at reading a trap block. But even when I would stuff a blocker today, there

was another guy coming across my face. Then a back would go the other way. I never really knew where the ball was."

All of that left Bryan calling Nebraska "the best team in the country. I watched a little of the Penn State-Pitt game before we left the hotel. I don't think there's any doubt that Nebraska would beat either one of those teams right now."

Despite cutting Nebraska's total offense from 272 first-half yards to 132 in the second half, OU defensive coordinator Gary Gibbs had the impression "that even when we stopped them we were lucky. At times, you just have to hope they don't execute."

HOWEVER, NEBRASKA WAS able to execute. In fact, the Cornhuskers' execution was nearly flawless on some plays that they rarely show.

"They made a great catch on the bounce pass and they made some great throws on some deep outs, a play that you usually don't see them run during the year," Gibbs said. "But they have those capabilities and they executed them today."

Conversely, the Sooners could not execute in the passing game. Head coach Barry Switzer thought that was the difference.

"On the last fourth-down play, they had a cornerback blitz and we had the end open on a slant over the middle," said Switzer. "But we threw it behind him. He was open and all we had to do was hit him. But that's the way our game went. We missed them and Nebraska hit them. They completed their slant when we had the cornerback blitz on."

OKLAHOMA QUARTERBACK Kelly Phelps completed six of 19 passes for 115 yards, but he was just two of 13 for 21 yards in the second half when the Sooners wasted their best chances. He was incomplete on his last 10 throws.

"It's a bitter defeat," Phelps said. "All the mistakes I made were the difference. I overthrew (Steve) Sewell on the goal line. I overthrew a bunch."

"No, my hands weren't cold. I could always feel the ball. The receivers were running good routes. I just didn't hit them."



TOM McDOWSKI



WADE PRAEUNER



BILL WERBER

Dr. Tom finally came up with 'miracle' cure

By HERSCHEL NISSENSON
The Associated Press

LINCOLN, Neb. — Dr. Tom Osborne finally has come up with a "miracle" cure.

When Oklahoma rallied in the closing seconds of the Orange Bowl to nip Florida State 18-17 two years ago, a Sooner assistant coach cracked that "one man in the United States never doubted we would pull it out — Tom Osborne."

Dr. Tom Osborne, the quiet man who has coached Nebraska football teams to a 93-24-2 record over the last decade, has had to take a back seat — at least in the minds of Cornhusker fans — to arch-rival Oklahoma. Barry Switzer, who took over the Sooners in 1973, the same year Osborne replaced the revered Bob Devaney (national championships in 1970 and 1971) at Nebraska, seemed to have the Indian sign on Dr. Tom.

Switzer and the Sooners won the first five confrontations, including a dramatic come-from-behind triumph in 1976. And when Nebraska finally prevailed in 1978, the Orange Bowl summoned Osborne and the Huskers for a rematch barely a month later. OU won that one, rallied in the closing minutes to win the 1980 game — another miracle — and the "jinx" continued.

It reached 8-of-9 proportions in 1980, but hasn't reared its head since then.

"I think we have a jinx on them now. I don't know if anybody knows that yet," defensive end Tony Felici said following Friday's 28-24 triumph that gave Nebraska (a) two in a row over Oklahoma, (b) two consecutive Big Eight titles and (c) a second consecutive trip to the Orange Bowl without having to replay the Sooners.

Not only did Oklahoma have Nebraska's number throughout most of the 1970s, but Osborne, owner of a bachelor's degree from Hastings (Neb.) College, plus a master's and doctorate from NU, was quiet and reserved — translation: dull — as opposed to the colorful, highly visible Switzer, who coached Oklahoma to national titles in 1974 and 1975.

"The press builds up me vs. Barry," Osborne was saying less than 24 hours before Friday's annual shootout. "But really, I'm going against the guy calling their defenses (Osborne is his own offensive coordinator), not against Barry."

"Barry is more flamboyant, more outgoing than I am. I'm not saying that's wrong. I'm sure his enthusiasm carries over to his players."

It also carries over to Nebraska fans, who can be as fickle and fair-weather as any others. For them, Osborne has a message.

"It's time for Nebraska fans to realize that Oklahoma is just another game," he said. "We proved we can win the big game. We just go out and play hard every week. We don't get uptight about playing Oklahoma."

"Oklahoma has come to mean too much. I can understand some reasons why. Everybody always says, 'Oh, gosh, it's Oklahoma,' that they've got an Indian sign on us, that we tighten up. But I can tell you our coaches don't believe it. It's not true."

"We respect Oklahoma, but maybe now our fans can get over their Oklahoma hangup. They can be beaten, but we have to be better to beat them."

The media decided to make a big thing of the Osborne-Switzer matchup again last weekend, but even Switzer stood up for the man who probably would like to beat him more than anything else in the world. In fact, if you reverse Osborne's record against Switzer — er, Oklahoma — Dr. Tom is 98-19-2 and Barry 93-21-3.

"I've never coached against another coach," Switzer said. "I'm concerned with who the players are. And when Tom comes down the ramp, he comes down with better troops than most."

Switzer grinned, telegraphing the punch line coming up.

"Tom's a little different than most of us," he said. "He's got a Ph.D. and that entitles him to be a little smarter than the rest of us."



DOUG HERRMANN



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KEN GRAEBER



DAVE RIDDER



MIKE KNOX



DAVE BURKE

By Jonathan Rand

Nebraska one of best at trickery

KANSAS CITY TIMES, Nov. 27, 1982

LINCOLN, Neb. — First, out of Tom Osborne's bag of tricks, came the Bumerooski, which begat the fumblerooski, which begat the bouncearooski.

It might sound strange, but it translates into touchdowns. All are trick plays that have worked for Nebraska, most recently in a 28-24 victory over Oklahoma that decided the Big Eight Conference championship Friday.

Nebraska was behind 10-7 early in the second quarter and had a first down at its own 49-yard line when Osborne sent tight end Mitch Krenk into the game with the bouncearooski play, formally known as "bounce pass left."

Quarterback Turner Gill dropped back and turned to his left for a lateral pass to wingback Irving Fryar. The pass bounced on the artificial turf and Fryar picked up the ball and threw downfield to Krenk for a 37-yard gain that led to the touchdown that gave Nebraska the lead for keeps.

Because Fryar was on a line with Gill the throw was a lateral, not a forward pass, and was still a live ball. The bounce was hardly an accident.

"We don't throw that bad," Osborne said, grinning.

He alerted the officials to the play before the game to eliminate the danger of them mistakenly blowing the ball dead as an incomplete pass. He said he first saw the play used by Colorado against Nebraska a dozen years ago.

Osborne may seem taciturn and humorless much of the time but if you look at the plays he calls sometimes, you can tell he's really a fun guy.

"It seemed like a good idea," he said. "We had good field position and it just kind of struck me."

Nebraska isn't a team you usually associate with razzle-dazzle. The Cornhuskers usually beat teams as a python beats a tourist lost in the jungle — with relentless, brute strength.

Missouri, perhaps, was the first team to realize Osborne likes to play cards with his jokers sometimes. In their 1975 game, the Cornhuskers went into punt formation and the ball was tucked between the legs of John O'Leary, a blocker on the wing. O'Leary froze as his teammates simulated a punt and ran downfield. When all the traffic had cleared, O'Leary took off for a touchdown.

Four years later Osborne pulled a fast one on Oklahoma. The ball was snapped, the quarterback laid it on the ground and the entire line pulled right — except for guard Randy Schleusener, who reversed his field, picked up the ball and scored. The Sooners won anyway, 17-14.

On the bouncearooski, Gill is supposed to provide the bounce, Fryar the theatrics and the throw and Krenk the catch.

"He (Fryar) is supposed to look disgusted and hopefully the defensive backs will relax," Krenk said.

Fryar let his shoulders droop in mock disgust but at least one Oklahoma defender wasn't fooled. He came barreling in on Fryar, who barely got rid of the ball and was on the ground when Krenk beat cornerback Scott Case with an over-the-shoulder catch on his fingertips.

But what if Gill's bounce pass bounces into the hands of an Oklahoma defender, who lopes down the field with the ball for a 17-7 lead?

"That's why we practice it," Osborne said, grinning. "We tried it 20 times in practice and it worked every time but once. It's not as risky as it looks, especially (not) on artificial turf."

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Osborne battle cry: We're No. 1!

By BUCK TURNBULL

Register Staff Writer

LINCOLN, NEB. — We're No. 1!

That has become a popular battle cry in sports, with fans and players raising index fingers to the sky to signify their feelings. College coaches generally don't get involved in all this hubbub.

But Tom Osborne is unabashedly ready to join the crowd.

He believes his Nebraska football team is the best he has had in his 10 years as the head coach and that there is no finer in the land this season.

Beginning in late October, one coach in the UPI poll — a board of coaches from throughout the country — started putting Nebraska No. 1 in the weekly rankings.

Donnie Duncan of Iowa State admitted he was that man, and a 48-10 drubbing by the Huskers in mid-November only served to convince him he was right.

Last week there were three first-place votes for Nebraska. It's safe to assume Duncan hasn't changed his opinion, and now he has the company of none other than Osborne himself.

"I've ranked us No. 1 for the last couple of weeks because I think we deserve to be," Osborne said Friday after his Huskers threw back a stiff challenge by Oklahoma, winning the Big Eight title and Orange Bowl bid with a 28-24 victory.

"It's going to be awfully hard for us to finish as the national champion, though. Penn State beating Pittsburgh pretty much took us out of the running."

"I think the winner of the Penn State-Georgia game in the Sugar Bowl will wind up No. 1. And that's probably going to be Penn State. I think Penn State will beat Georgia."

IF OSBORNE is right, then it will be the first national championship in the distinguished career of Nittany Lion Coach Joe Paterno.

Top-ranked Georgia is the nation's only unbeaten major-college team, standing 11-0 after whipping Georgia Tech Saturday, and No. 2 Penn State is 10-1.

Third-rated Nebraska also is 10-1 — but the loss was to Penn State.

"We still have one game left in the

regular season," Osborne said. "If we win at Hawaii and then beat LSU in the Orange Bowl, we'd be 12-1 because of the extra game, and maybe some of the voters would get a wild notion to rank us No. 1."

Well, a guy can always dream, especially when he believes he has the best team, but realistically Georgia and Penn State have the battle for the top spot all to themselves.

Osborne said he knows little about LSU, except he's aware the Tigers have a solid defense and that they can score points in bunches, as witness their 55-21 rout of a good Florida State team.

TO ENCOURAGE schools from the mainland to play Hawaii, the National Collegiate Athletic Association doesn't count these games in the 11-game limit, which is why Nebraska has an expanded schedule.

"Playing Hawaii is mostly a recruiting thing for us," said Osborne, "and a nice trip as a reward for a good season."

"But it would have been really anticlimactic if we had lost to Oklahoma. That was one of the things that worried me."

"We certainly can't afford to take Hawaii lightly, and we have another hard week of work ahead of us, but it sure helps to beat Oklahoma."

It sure helps in many ways, not the least of which is for Osborne personally.

His teams lost to Barry Switzer's Sooners eight of the first nine times they met, leading to criticism that Osborne could do everything but win the big one. Now he has reversed that with two victories in a row.

The Huskers have won 14 straight Big Eight games, going 7-0 each of the last two years, and 20 of the last 21. The only setback in that time was Oklahoma's last victory in the series — a 21-17 decision here in 1980.

THE SOONERS have had a history of pulling out games like that. Back in 1976 they rallied for a 20-17 triumph by using two flea-flicker pass plays in an almost incredible last-minute touchdown drive.

Friday it was Nebraska that did the trickery. Trailing in the second quarter, 10-7, Husker quarterback

Turner Gill bounced a lateral pass off the turf to wingback Irving Fryar, who then lofted the ball downfield to tight end Mitch Krenk for a 37-yard gain.

That set up the touchdown that put Nebraska ahead to stay, and the Huskers left at halftime as clearly the dominant team, leading by 21-10.

However, when budding Oklahoma superstar Marcus Dupree took off on an 86-yard scoring run to begin the third quarter, memories of those other Sooner comebacks made for a tense and exciting finish.

As long as Oklahoma had the ball only four points down, everyone in the packed Memorial Stadium throng of 76,398 knew it wasn't over.

So when Scott Strasburger intercepted a late Oklahoma pass and returned it to the Sooner 1-yard line with 26 seconds left, overjoyed fans flooded the field and starting pulling down the goalposts. They had feared the worst and couldn't wait to start celebrating.

THERE WAS AN interesting sidelight to what happened in those wild closing seconds.

In most places Nebraska was a seven-point favorite, so for those who gambled on the game, the outcome was hanging in the balance. If Strasburger had scored, or if the Huskers had been able to punch over a touchdown from the 1, gamblers who wagered on Nebraska would have won their bets.

However, the outpouring of fans caused the officials to assess Nebraska with a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct. Gill then fell on the ball and the game was over. Oklahoma bettors were the winners.

But that's not all. Loyalty among Cornhusker faithful only goes so far — for the ones who gamble, at least.

During the week many bookmakers in Nebraska reportedly raised the point spread to 10 points, thinking most local gamblers would still bet on their team.

When one bookmaker entered a popular Lincoln watering spot Friday night, he said to the proprietor: "That's the first time the fans ever beat me."

KANSAS CITY TIMES, Nov. 27, 1982

This time, Huskers don't let Sooners up

By Tom Shatel

A Member of the Sports Staff

LINCOLN, Neb. — In one fluid motion, as if a hand had swept over the stadium, the huge red sea covered the field, engulfed the players, and finally the goal posts.

The goal posts didn't go down. But the flags did. With 26 seconds left in regulation time, Nebraska was assessed a 15-yard penalty for unsportsmanlike conduct. Of course, that didn't go over too well with that great American sportsman, Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne. But how could he blame the overzealous few who finally were persuaded to leave the field?

Hey, Tom, this was Nebraska-Oklahoma. This was Nebraska BEATING Oklahoma 28-24. Too many times in the past, boisterous Nebraska fans had seen a Huskers victory over the Sooners slip away on a last drive. It happened in 1976 on a flea-flicker play. It happened in 1979 on a late touchdown by J.C. Watts. Two years ago, on the same Memorial Stadium turf, the Sooners took away another Orange Bowl trip when Buster Rhymes almost single-handedly drove the Sooners to victory.

And it nearly occurred again.

Oklahoma, trailing 28-24 in the nationally televised Big Eight championship game (the 17th time in the last 21 years it has come to this), had three fourth-quarter drives in which to secure the plane tickets to Miami, but because the Sooners had to go to a foreign route — the pass — all three attempts failed. Thus, Nebraska, 10-1, will meet LSU Jan. 1 in the Orange Bowl. Oklahoma, 8-3, will play either Arizona State or Washington on New Year's Day in the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe, Ariz.

Osborne, whose team beat Oklahoma 37-14 last season, voluntarily threw the monkey off his team's back. That's right. Without being asked.

"That's an area where we've been deficient," Osborne said. "In the past we've had similar situations and they've come up with a big play or something. But this time they couldn't."

"There's one thing that has become a minor irritant. Some of the comments I've been hearing lately, that we beat them last year but we really didn't beat them, because they didn't have anything to play for."

"Our players have never tightened up. They played as hard as they can, and maybe now the people in Nebraska will accept that. I don't feel like our players get uptight when they play Oklahoma. I hope our people will just get over that syndrome. Somehow, Oklahoma-Nebraska has come to mean too much. Our fans need to get over that hang-up."

Osborne, who beat Oklahoma for only the third time in 11 years, was even ripping the ritual of tossing oranges on the field after touchdowns. "That was the only negative thing," he said. "That's the most idiotic custom I've ever seen."

Mike Rozier, Nebraska's All-America I-back who left the game early in the third quarter with a sprained ankle, didn't understand the fuss. "Just another game," he said.

It was just another Oklahoma-Nebraska game until the fourth quarter. Power football by the nation's top two rushing teams — two heavyweights trading touchdowns like punches until the knockout jab came. Usually that meant Oklahoma on a last-ditch drive — indeed, the ghosts of Sooners miracles past had Nebraska worried. So did a memory from Sept. 25, when Penn State's Todd Blackledge rallied the Nittany Lions over Nebraska in the final seconds.

But Kelly Phelps never will be mistaken for Blackledge.

Phelps, the Oklahoma senior quarterback, had done well to complete six of 19 passes for 115 yards. But when the Huskers finally shut down the Sooners' rushing game — after 284 yards — Phelps didn't have any miracles in his right arm.

"That's not exactly their forte," Osborne said.

After Kevin Murphy recovered a Doug Wilkening fumble on the Oklahoma 40 with 12 minutes, 29 seconds to play, Phelps got the Sooners as far as the Nebraska 34, where passes on third and fourth down fell incomplete. But the

Sooners got the ball back with 5:08 left and it looked as if the ghosts were being conjured.

The patented Oklahoma break came on a third and 9 at the Sooners' 47, when Nebraska cornerback Allen Lyday was called for pass interference after apparently bumping into Paul Clewis. That made it first down at the Nebraska 39 with 3:25 left.

But Marcus Dupree, who had his standard long touchdown run (of 86 yards) in the third quarter, got 4 yards. Oklahoma, without its timeouts, went to the air on three consecutive plays and the trio of tries ended in badly thrown balls — the last of which, intended for split end David Carter, brought forth another barrage of oranges.

The Sooners had one last try on their own 28 with 46 seconds left, but two incompletions later and Nebraska end Scott Strasburger intercepted a Phelps pass and returned it to the 1. That brought down the house — and almost the goal posts.

"It's taken our secondary a long time to live down the Penn State game," said Charlie McBride, Nebraska's defensive coordinator. "This defense has sure grown up. It never broke. It's got a heart as big as a man-hole cover."

But then, it had to. Nebraska's offense, without Rozier in the second half, managed only one touchdown. The first half was something else.

Nebraska got a fumbled punt by Scott Case and took 10 plays to go 44 yards, quarterback Turner Gill going the final 14 with 9:34 left for a 7-0 lead. Oklahoma came right back with a 12-play, 65-yard drive that ended with Dupree scoring untouched on a 3-yard jog to the right.

Oklahoma took its only lead, 10-7, when the Sooners turned a Roger Craig fumble at the Sooners' 27 into a 24-yard field goal by Michael Keeling.

Rozier, who had 96 yards (all in the first half), took a back seat to junior fullback Doug Wilkening, who had only 317 yards entering the game. Wilkening rushed for touchdowns of 2 and 14 yards on straight, no-nonsense power plays up the middle in the second quarter that gave Nebraska a 21-10 halftime lead.

Oklahoma threw the first punch of the third quarter — an 86-yard, down-the-sideline run by Dupree, who had 149 yards on 14 carries. Nebraska countered three possessions later with an 80-yard, 17-play drive that made it 28-17.

The Sooners closed the gap to four again with a 78-yard, 13-play drive ending with Stanley Wilson's 1-yard touchdown run. The touchdown would be Wilson's only moment of glory for the game — McBride's black shirt defense keyed on stopping the fullback all game. The successful running drive would also be the last for Oklahoma. The Huskers buckled down. Oklahoma had to pass.

"They were going to have to beat us with the pass," Nebraska linebacker Steve Damkroger said.



Nebraska's Turner Gill gets the pass away despite a slap on the helmet from Oklahoma's Bob Slater in the Huskers' 28-24 victory Friday. Slater is being blocked by Randy Theiss.

TULSA WORLD, Nov. 27, 1982

Nebraska's Defenders Steal Big-Play Spotlight Down Stretch, 28-24

By BILL CONNORS
World Sports Editor

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska's defense was considered the least imposing unit in Friday's Big Eight Conference football showdown. The spotlight was on the superstars in Nebraska's marvelously versatile offense, Marcus Dupree of Oklahoma's offense and OU's defense in that order.

But when the Sooners had momentum and were in position to possibly win, it was the spear-carriers on Nebraska's defense who made the plays that separated the Sooners from the beach and the desert.

Nebraska stopped the Sooners three times in threatening situations without a point and made them settle for a field goal on a fourth opportunity.

THAT WAS ABOUT THE ONLY defense of note during the clear, 35-degree day, as both teams struck with their best weapons before Nebraska prevailed, 28-24, to clinch its second straight conference championship and an automatic bid to the Orange Bowl.

After accepting Oklahoma's consolation bid to the Fiesta Bowl, Barry Switzer said, "we can't complain; we had our opportunities to win. We just didn't get it done. We could not stop them in the first half and could not score when we had the chance."

After its defense was plundered on basic plays by tailback Mike Rozier, quarterback Turner Gill and fullback Doug Wilkening and a trick pass from wingback Irving Fryar to tight end Mitch Krenk in the first



THE STATISTICS

	Oklahoma	Nebraska
First downs	21	24
Rushes-yards	58-284	61-298
Passing yards	115	111
Return yards	18	53
Passes	6-19-2	8-18-0
Punts	2-45	5-30
Fumbles-lost	1-1	2-2
Penalties-yards	6-50	5-59
Time of Possession	29:42	30:18

half, Oklahoma turned the game into what it was advertised to be with two touchdowns in the third quarter.

DUPREE'S 86-YARD touch-down run — the longest of seven home run plays by the wonder's freshman — as any game

NEBRASKA 28, OKLAHOMA 24

Oklahoma	7	3	14	0	— 24
Nebraska	7	14	7	0	— 28

Nebraska—Gill 14 run (Seibel kick).
Oklahoma—Dupree 2 run (Keeling kick).
Oklahoma—Fryar 3 run (Seibel kick).
Nebraska—Wilkening 2 run (Seibel kick).
Nebraska—Wilkening 14 run (Seibel kick).
Oklahoma—Dupree 86 run (Keeling kick).
Nebraska—Craig 3 run (Seibel kick).
Oklahoma—Wilson 1 run (Keeling kick).
Attendance—76,398.

Individual Statistics

RUSHING	
Oklahoma—Dupree 25-149 (4.9 average, two TDs), Wilson 14-61 (one TD), Sims 9-40 (4.4), Phelps 7-18 (2.6)	
Nebraska—Rozier 15-96 (6.4), Gill 15-65 (4.3, one TD), Wilkening 10-58 (5.8, two TDs), Craig 17-56 (3.2, one TD), Fryar 3-20 (6.7)	
PASSING	
Oklahoma—Phelps 6-19-2-115	
Nebraska—Gill 7-17-0-74, Fryar 1-10-37	
RECEIVING	
Oklahoma—Sewell 2-47, Wilson 1-26, Carter 1-20, Clewis 1-12, Winters 1-10	
Nebraska—Fryar 4-45, Krenk 2-44, Brown 2-22	
PUNTING	
Oklahoma—Keeling 2-45	
Nebraska—Campbell 5-29.6	



Jeff Merrell, one of Nebraska's largest middle guards ever. He's 6-4, 258, played a tremendous Auburn game in his native Alabama.



Steve Damkroger, out of Lincoln Northeast, Husker cocaptain... he averaged 10.5 unassisted tackles per game in 1981. Damkroger is a senior.

TULSA WORLD, Nov. 28, 1982

Gill's Clutch Plays for Huskers Ruined OU

WHILE TIME was out early in the fourth quarter for an official measurement near the Oklahoma bench that set the stage for Turner Gill to make the last of his nine critical plays in Friday's flaming football battle at Lincoln, the Nebraska quarterback talked with Barry Switzer.

"I told him," Switzer said, "Turner, I would have changed the offense for you. I changed it for Marcus."

Whether Gill declined to attend Oklahoma because, as he contends, he did not believe Switzer would drop the wishbone or because, as Switzer thought, the Sooners were enamored with another quarterback signee, is moot.

But there is minimal debate about the impact Gill would have had on the Big Eight Conference championship game, and both schools, had he been at the OU bench talking to Switzer in a Sooner uniform.

The game might not have been close, the Sooners would be headed for their sixth straight Orange Bowl and Nebraska would be wondering when OU's domination would end.

The Cornhuskers dethroned Oklahoma last year primarily because of Gill, even though did not need him to win at Norman. (Nebraska had already clinched the conference title by virtue of a loss and tie on OU's record going into the showdown, which Gill missed with an injury.) The Huskers won, 28-24, Friday, primarily because they had Gill. They almost certainly would not have won without him.

Tailback Mike Rozier and center Dave Rimington are deserving All-Americans and played to their reputations Friday. Fullback Doug Wilkening, wingback Irving Fryar and



Bill Connors
SPORTS EDITOR

tight end Mitch Krenk made critical plays, and an overshadowed defense saved the victory for Nebraska.

But Gill was the difference. His statistics were not overwhelming; only 41 per cent pass completions, 4.3 yards per rush and 139 yards total offense.

But Gill was amazing under pressure. Nebraska faced eight vital third- and fourth-down situations and succeeded seven times. Gill ran or passed on six of the plays.

Gill was involved in each of the five critical plays in Nebraska's four touchdown drives. Eliminate any of those plays and Nebraska might have lost.

He ran nine yards on third and 10 to prevent Nebraska from kicking a field goal on its first drive, which he concluded by running 14 yards for a touchdown on fourth and one.

Gill executed the bounce pass perfectly to make possible the trick pass from Fryar to Krenk that set up Nebraska's second touchdown. He completed a seven-yard pass on the only third-down play of Nebraska's third scoring drive. And, he scrambled out of trouble and ran 12 yards and threw a penalty on a third



NORMAN TRANSCRIPT, Nov. 30, 1982

OU center Ric Uhles, a former Norman High All-Stater who does the deep snaps for the Sooners, bears down on Nebraska punt returner Irving Fryar (27) as teammate Jeff Smith prepares to block in the Huskers' 28-24 victory Friday in Lincoln. (AP Laserphoto)

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Nebraska wins, lands in Orange

LINCOLN, Neb. — Nebraska surrendered 385 yards to archrival Oklahoma, but the Cornhuskers' defense didn't break when the chips were down, although it swayed a few times.

And the mighty Nebraska offense chewed up Oklahoma's defense for 409 yards, including second-period touchdown runs of 2 and 14 yards by fullback

COLUMBIATRIUNE, Nov. 28, 1982

Husker fans go berserk

LINCOLN, Neb. (AP) — University of Nebraska football Coach Tom Osborne said the mayhem that broke out near the end of Friday's game against Oklahoma could have cost the Huskers the victory.

At least four people were treated at Lincoln General Hospital and others were arrested after bedlam erupted in Memorial Stadium in the waning moments of the game. The Nebraska victory over the Sooners clinched the Big Eight Conference title for the Huskers and secured a repeat trip to the Orange Bowl.

"The action of the crowd at the end of the game was the most negative thing of the day," Osborne said.

The melee broke out when Husker Scott Strasburger tumbled to the turf near the Oklahoma goal line, clutching the football after intercepting a Sooner pass. Hundreds of fans poured onto the field, smothering Strasburger and climbing onto the goal posts.

Despite pleas from the public address announcer, the fans stayed on the field, drawing a 15-yard penalty that cost Nebraska a chance to add to its 28-24 lead.

The fans flooded the field again after the game officially ended, pounding

players on the backs and carrying some off of the field on their shoulders. After some difficulty, the hordes of euphoric fans brought the goal posts crumbling to the turf.

Among those caught in the melee was Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer, who nearly was trampled by the onrushing fans. The turmoil prevented the traditional post-game meeting between the two coaches and prompted an apology from Osborne.

University of Nebraska police Sgt. Marvin Kinion was struck in the back of the neck by a frozen orange thrown during the third quarter. He was knocked to the ground and was taken to Lincoln General where he was treated for torn ligaments and released.

Lincoln police officer Emery Bashus lost his hat during a foot chase after the game and it last was seen in Lincoln being carried into a bar.

Later in the evening, Seward police arrested a 24-year-old Hastings man for Driving While Intoxicated and found the hat in his back seat. He was charged with possession of stolen goods.

Bill Shepard, university grounds director, said the post-game melee will cost the athletic department at least \$5,000.



Des Moines Sunday Register photo

Husker Dave Burke's jarring tackle turns Dave Carter's head and ball falls incomplete.



Steve McWhirter, strongside NU linebacker, got 14 unassisted tackles against Oklahoma. A 6-2, 235 lb. senior from Fairfield, Ia., he injured his knee in the first quarter of the Iowa opener in 1981.

Big Eight Standings

	Conference			All Games		
	W.	L.	T.	W.	L.	T.
Nebraska	7	0	0	10	1	0
Oklahoma	6	1	0	8	3	0
Oklahoma State	3	2	2	4	4	2
Kansas State	3	3	1	6	4	1
Missouri	2	3	2	5	4	2
Iowa State	1	5	1	4	6	1
Kansas	1	5	1	2	7	2
Colorado	1	5	1	2	8	1

Friday's Game

Nebraska 28, Oklahoma 24

Today's Game

N — Oklahoma State at San Diego State

Next Saturday's Game

N — Nebraska at Hawaii

Red wave to hit Hawaiian shores

By Ferd Lewis
Advertiser Staff Writer

Most places they go, it is a toss-up who is the most overwhelming: the University of Nebraska football team or its fans.

Both dominate on their respective fronts. The Cornhuskers are ranked first in total offense and their fans are first in line for tickets wherever the team goes.

For Saturday night's game with the University of Hawaii at Aloha Stadium, Nebraska will bring an estimated "8,000-10,000" fans, according to school officials.

A spokesman at the Nebraska ticket office said the school received "about 22,000 requests" for the 8,000 tickets made available to the school. In past years Nebraska fans have come in larger numbers. During their last visit six years ago, Cornhusker fans made up almost half of the 33,737 crowd at Aloha Stadium and 11 years ago at

Honolulu Stadium they numbered about 12,000 in a crowd of 23,002.

"There's no question people from Nebraska support their team," said NU athletic director Bob Devaney, who needs only to look up in the stands at Memorial Stadium in Lincoln to reaffirm his belief. NU fans have sold out their 73,531-seat stadium for 124 consecutive games. Season tickets there are so hard to come by that boosters who have given to the program since 1975 are still on a waiting list.

A spokesman for the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce estimated that fans spend nearly \$2 million in town for each home game. Estimates on what the Hawaii Visitors Bureau expect the Nebraska visitors to spend during their stay here were not immediately available.

The hot collectors' item for this year's Cornhusker fan is a bright red toilet seat.

HONOLULU ADVERTISER, Nov. 30, 1982

'82 Cornhuskers cream

In Nebraska they measure their corn by the bushel, their hay by the ton and their football teams by the 1971 University of Nebraska Cornhuskers.

It is a tough yardstick to be measured by, especially since the 1971 national championship team has taken on an "almost religious remembrance" over the years, according to one school official.

Nebraskans are convinced that the 13-0 team that beat No. 2 Alabama, 38-6, in the Orange Bowl is not only the best in Cornhusker history, but of all-time. And, they have some support. A wire service poll a couple of years ago selected the 1971 edition, led by Johnny Rodgers, Jerry Tagge and Jeff Kinney, as the team of the century.

Eleven years later, the Cornhuskers have a team judged good enough to invite comparisons with

the 1971 team. The Nebraska team that the University of Hawaii (6-4) meets Saturday night at Aloha Stadium is 10-1 and, some say, more potent offensively than even the sainted 1971 squad that beat the Rainbows, 45-3, at Honolulu Stadium.

For sure it is the best in the nation this season, leading the NCAA in total offense (513.5 yards per game), rushing offense (386.6) and scoring offense (41.5 points per game).

"It is the best Nebraska team I've seen," said UH head coach Dick Tomey, who saw quite a few good ones in his years as an assistant at Kansas and UCLA. "In terms of weapons offensively, it is, definitely."

Nebraska athletic director Bob Devaney, who coached the 1971 team, agrees with the

'Bows Prepare for the Big Red Scourge

By Dick Couch

Oh, oh. It's that time again. It happens every so often but one wishes it would occur as often as, say, Halley's Comet.

And, so, tomorrow marks the return of Big Red to the islands. It's time for University of Hawaii to play Nebraska again.

Persons 26 years old—and they represent nearly 50 percent of Hawaii's population—weren't even born when the Rainbows beat the Cornhuskers for the only time in five meetings between the two schools. Except for that 6-0 victory in Lincoln, Neb., in 1955, it hasn't been close encounters of any kind—except for maybe the worst kind.

Nebraska has outscored Hawaii, 219-16, in winning the last four games in this, college football's version of the Falkland Islands War.

The 'Bows can use any kind of help they can get for this one. With that in mind, I'm ready to offer Coach Dick Tomey a game plan on how to combat Big Red.

In 1971 when Nebraska came to town with a team that since has been rated as college football's Team of the Century, I humbly offered a sure-fire defensive alignment that would have stopped Johnny Rodgers and Co. in their tracks: a 5-4-3-2-2 defense. We figured 16 guys should do it.

Trouble was, not that the officials wouldn't allow it, but the Rainbows had difficulty making sure they even had 11 men on the field—a malady that has plagued them 'til this day.

So that bright idea of mine was scrapped because it was too complicated, although *Sports Illustrated* thought it was cute and picked up on it. *SI* didn't realize I was dead serious.

Throwing a luau the night before the game for the Cornhuskers is too obvious a ploy, so that idea can also be junked. Besides, Nebraska players don't eat poi and laulau anyway and Chuck Machado would faint at the thought of serving corn-on-the-cob at a luau.

Hometown officials also wouldn't help. One time we had one of our own guys officiating a Cornhusker game and he robbed the Rainbows of a possible touchdown by ruling that a fumble was an incomplete pass. The 'Huskies were somewhere on their three-yard line then when the 'Bows fell on the loose football.

I think that would have made a difference in the game. Instead of the score being 45-3, it might have been worse. The 'Huskies probably would have been riled up at UH for being the first team ever to lead them that season, they likely would have piled it on.

Now I'm not saying that the local official went out of his way to show the aloha spirit to the 'Huskies that night. But Bob Devaney, then Nebraska's coach, was so grateful that the guy got invited to referee a game in Lincoln, Neb., after that.

How you figgah? It's as difficult as figuring how to stop the 'Huskies from scoring every time they get the ball tomorrow night. Especially since Nebraska's Tom Osborne says that this is his best offensive team in the 10 years he's been the head coach.

And their center, Dave Rimington, isn't just good; he's Outland-ish good.

Poor Falaniko Noga, Hawaii's junior middle guard who has been double-teamed all season long, will probably be wondering halfway in the first quarter how come he is getting double-teamed by ONE guy.

The 'Huskies are so humongous that even their place-kicker weighs 250 pounds!

And Osborne's pre-game smokescreen isn't fooling me for one minute. He can talk all he wants about Hawaii's skilled people and how worried he is. But we all know he is blowing heap big smoke up you know where.

So, after a week of deep thought about Nebraska's deep threat, I've finally come up with another sure-fire scheme that would not only stop the Cornhuskers cold, but leave them in the dark.

It's so simple really that I don't know why Tomey didn't see the light and think of it sooner? I call it the Rolling Blackout Defense.

Just when a 'Husker is racing to the end zone for a touchdown, all Hawaiian Electric Co. has to do is turn off lights.

After all, if O.J. Simpson had his "Electric Company" at Buffalo because his offensive linemen turned on the "Juice", why couldn't Hawaii have its electric company turn off the juice?

Talk about a Juice Game.



David Rimington . . . Outland-ishly good

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UH Faces (Gulp!) an Awesome Windup

By Dick Couch

Hawaii has been Paradise Lost for some visiting football bigwigs. But not for Nebraska. Because, home or away, on just about every given Saturday, Pigskin Heaven is where the Cornhuskers play.

So there probably will be hell to pay for the UH team at Aloha Stadium tonight—Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne's worst fears notwithstanding.

But the Rainbow Warriors will take their chances, however slim, against the Big Red galaxy—again. And who knows? Maybe the sky will fall.

Nebraska has won 10 of 11 games this season along with another Big Eight Conference championship. Beaten only by second-ranked Penn State, the 'Huskies are No. 3 in the polls and headed for an Orange Bowl date with Louisiana State University. Their offensive arsenal is awesome, perhaps the very best they've ever had.

Hawaii has won six of 10 games, finishing fifth in the Western Athletic Conference. Its season ends tonight. The 'Bows are coming off a 45-21 victory over Air Force which assured them of a fifth straight winning season. But they've had their troubles defensively. And in three games against Nebraska over the past 10 years, they've been overrun by margins of 42, 65 and 46 points.

THIS TIME AROUND, Nebraska is a 30-point favorite on the downtown books. Punters in Lincoln probably would give a whole lot more than that. Elsewhere, you'd probably get 10-1 on Nebraska playing Hawaii.

Little wonder then that Osborne has had a heckuva time trying to sell the seriousness of this improbable matchup to the media, and particularly his own media—after a wire service story out of Lincoln, Neb., quoted him as saying that as far as he was concerned, "this is a game that shouldn't be played."

Apparently, playing Hawaii, in Hawaii, at the start of the Mainland recruiting "season" is a no-win situation for Osborne.

Top 20 Ratings

Associated Press

Writers' Poll
First-place votes and records in parentheses. Points based on 15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 for first through 20th place.

	Pts	Last Week
1. Georgia (46) (11-0)	995	1
2. Penn State (21) (10-1)	952	2
3. Nebraska (3) (11-1)	874	3
4. So. Methodist (10-0-1)	869	4
5. UCLA (9-1-1)	792	5
6. Pittsburgh (9-2)	719	7
7. Clemson (9-1-1)	625	8
8. Texas (9-2)	622	12
9. Washington (9-2)	622	8
10. West Virginia (9-2)	511	10
11. Arizona State (9-2)	474	11
12. Oklahoma (8-3)	285	14
13. Louisiana State (8-2-1)	285	13
14. Arkansas (8-2-1)	381	6
15. Southern California (8-3)	301	16
16. Maryland (8-3)	238	17
17. Ohio State (8-3)	182	18
18. Auburn (8-3)	165	19
19. Michigan (8-3)	120	20
20. Tulsa (10-1)	95	—

United Press International

Coaches' Poll
First-place votes and records in parentheses. Points based on 15-14-13-12-11-10-9-8-7-6-5-4-3-2-1 for first through 15th place.

	Pts	Last Week
1. Georgia (34) (11-0)	593	1
2. Penn State (3) (10-1)	549	2
3. Nebraska (3) (11-1)	529	3
4. So. Methodist (10-0-1)	474	4
5. UCLA (9-1-1)	410	5
6. Pittsburgh (9-2)	375	7
7. Texas (9-2)	315	9
8. Washington (9-2)	265	10
9. West Virginia (9-2)	244	11
10. Oklahoma (8-3)	238	12
11. Arizona State (9-2)	140	12
12. Arkansas (8-2-1)	130	6
13. Louisiana State (8-2-1)	113	13
14. Maryland (8-3)	77	15
15. Auburn (8-3)	77	17
16. Ohio State (8-3)	49	18
17. Michigan (8-3)	45	19
18. Tulsa (10-1)	32	18
19. Florida (8-3)	31	19
20. Florida State (8-3)	31	15

Note: By agreement with the American Football Coaches Association, teams on probation by the NCAA are ineligible for the Top 20 and national championship consideration by the UPI Board of Coaches. The teams on probation are Clemson, Oregon, Southern California and Southern Mississippi.

OMAHA WORLD-HERALD, Nov. 30, 1982

Georgia, Penn State and Nebraska finished the regular season ranked 1-2-3 in The Associated Press and United Press International college football polls Monday.

Thus, when Georgia and Penn State battle in the Sugar Bowl on New Year's night, it will almost certainly determine the national championship. Nebraska will play Louisiana State in the Orange Bowl the same night. LSU is ranked 13th in both polls.

The top two teams actually wound up the regular season a week earlier but four members of the Top Twenty were in action on the weekend. Texas jumped from 12th to eighth in AP and from 10th to seventh in UPI following its 33-7 thumping of Arkansas, which fell from sixth in both polls to 14th in AP and 12th in UPI.

Meanwhile, Florida State lost to Florida 13-10 and dropped out of the AP Top Twenty but fell to 20th in UPI.

The UPI national champion will be announced Sunday, Jan. 2, at 5:30 p.m. CST when UPI releases its final ratings. The AP national champion will be announced at 5:30 a.m., CST Jan. 3.

Georgia, the nation's only unbeaten major college team, received 46 of 50 first-place votes and 995 of a possible 1,000 points from AP's nationwide panel of sportswriters and sportscasters. Penn State, 10-1, had two first-place votes and 952 points.

The other two first-place AP ballots went to 11-1 Nebraska, which held onto third place by rallying from a 16-7 deficit to defeat Hawaii 37-16. SMU, 10-0-1, remained No. 4 and UCLA held onto fifth place in both polls.

Georgia received 34 first-place votes

Nebraska's trouble in paradise only a mirage in 37-16 victory

Hawaii lead disappears in fourth

By Ferd Lewis
Advertiser Staff Writer

For a half last night the University of Hawaii Rainbows were doing the improbable, leading third-ranked Nebraska, 10-0.

Meanwhile, Nebraska's all-Big Eight quarterback, Turner Gill, was doing something even more improbable. He was standing on the sidelines watching it all.

But improbability gave way to reality and the Rainbows gave way to the Cornhuskers. Gill came off the bench in the third quarter to lead Nebraska to 37-second-half points and a 37-16 victory.

Gill, conspicuous by his absence, was dominating with his presence. He led the Cornhuskers to 17 points in a 1:37 span of the fourth quarter to shatter hopes for what would have been the biggest upset in UH history.

For more than 49 minutes, the Rainbow faithful in the largest Aloha Stadium crowd of the season, 46,876, watched as Hawaii, a 28-point underdog, had its way with the nation's top offensive and No. 3 defensive team.

The Rainbows turned away three first-half Nebraska scoring threats and used a touchdown and a Lee Larsen field goal of 40 yards for a 10-0 halftime lead — the biggest lead anybody had had on a Cornhusker team in 23 games. It was the first time in 17 games that NU had been shut out in the first half.

Hawaii made it 13-0 early in the third period and there seemed to be a miracle in the making in Halawa.

In stepped Gill to unmake one. Sideline by a pre-game back spasm that disappeared at halftime, Gill came in to start the third quarter. On the Cornhuskers' second possession of the second half, he drove them 80 yards for their first touchdown, a 31-yard run by wingback Irving Fryar.

The Rainbows, behind a Bernard Quarles-to-Ray Butler pass of 21 yards that set up Larsen's second field goal, a 42-yarder, made it 16-7.

Then a Big Red blur swept the Rainbows for 17 points in 1:37 and a 24-16 lead.

Gill drove the Cornhuskers 74 yards, setting up Kevin Seibel's 23-yard field goal, and Nebraska took the lead 24 seconds later on Gill's 18-yard touchdown run.

The go-ahead touchdown was set up by Allan Lyday's recovery of an Anthony Edgar fumble. Lyday, with an outstretched arm, hooked the ball loose as Edgar tried to bolt by.

Safety Bret Clark set up the insurance score 1:13 later, intercepting Quarles' pass and returning the ball 25 yards to the 50. Craig broke loose on a 34-yard run and then scored two plays later on a seven-yard run.

The Rainbows, playing their most emotional game of the year, threatened to come back until a drive stalled at the Nebraska 15 and Larsen's 32-yard field-goal attempt was wide.

A 10-yard Doug Wilkening touchdown run and Fryar's 70-yard punt return for a touchdown put a lid on the Cornhuskers' victory.

Gill, who was named the game's outstanding back, led Nebraska on second-half scoring drives of 80, 74, 50 and 80 yards.

The Rainbows scored on their first series, driving 71 yards behind Quarles, who connected on four of five passes for 73 yards to set up his own touchdown run of four yards.

Linebacker Anthony Woodson opened the door for Hawaii's second score — Larsen's 40-yard field goal — by forcing and recovering starting quarterback Bruce Mathison's fumble at the Nebraska 35. Quarles, who passed for 169 yards, connected on three of five passes for 33 yards in the drive.

The UH defense, motivated not only for Nebraska but for defensive coordinator Doug Kay's last game, made the lead stand up until the fourth quarter by forcing two turnovers and halting three Cornhusker drives.

Adding a new wrinkle to the confrontation between two-time all-Western Athletic Conference nose guard Falaniko Noga and two-time Outland Trophy-winning center Dave Rimington, the Rainbows alternated using tackle Mark Tuinei over Rimington and Noga playing a middle linebacker.

It helped at the Hawaii 2-yard line in the first quarter where the Rainbows held Nebraska twice. Noga made the key tackle on third-and-one and Johnny Taylor made the stop on fourth down.

Hawaii held Nebraska at the UH 11 in the waning seconds of the second quarter, and Kevin Seibel missed a 29-yard field-goal try.

"We were moving the ball well," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "We just couldn't score. I wasn't confident going into the second half, but I felt we were capable of winning. Gill made all the difference in our confidence in the second half. He's been quarterbacking this team for a year now and they just seem to respond."



Nebraska nose guard Jeff Merrell (74) grabs Hawaii quarterback Bernard Quarles around the thighs during the fourth quarter. Quarles managed to throw a desperate incomplete pass before being tackled. Quarles was hit hard.

DAILY OKLAHOMAN, Dec. 6, 1982

Nebraska's 4th Quarter Sinks Hawaii

HONOLULU (AP) — University of Nebraska scored two touchdowns in one minute 10 seconds early in the fourth quarter to come from behind and defeat the University of Hawaii, 37-16, in a nonconference game here Saturday night.

Trailing 16-10, Allan Lyday recovered a fumble on the Hawaii 18 yard line and quarterback Turner Gill, who did not play the first half because of back spasms, raced 18 yards around left end to give No. 3 Nebraska its first lead, 17-16.

The Cornhuskers got the ball back after an interception by Bret Clark at midfield. Roger Craig ran 34 yards, Irving Fryar added 10 more on a reverse and then Craig scored from six yards out to put Nebraska ahead 24-16.

UH had taken a 10-0 halftime lead and increased it to 13-0 early in the third quarter. Kent Kafentzis blocked a punt by Nebraska's Grant Campbell which led to Lee Larsen's 27-yard field goal.

The Huskers came right back as Craig keyed a drive by carrying five times for 35 yards that gave the visitors their first touchdown.

The first half was all Hawaii when it came to scoring

NORMAN TRANSCRIPT, Dec. 6, 1982

Cornhuskers rebound from halftime deficit

HONOLULU (AP) — At first, the 46,876 shirt-sleeve football fans at Aloha Stadium must have thought they were watching the makings of a major upset, and the Cornhuskers must have felt victory was as far away as the cold, but friendlier, confines of Lincoln, Neb.

The nation's No. 3 college football team raked up 13 first downs in the first half of Saturday night's game, but still trailed the University of Hawaii, 10-0.

Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne thinks a halftime pep talk did the trick in turning the game around as the Huskers came back in the second half to win, 37-16.

The Cornhuskers also got a shot in the arm from the second-half appearance of quarterback Turner Gill, who sat out the first half nursing unexplained back spasms. It was Gill's fourth-quarter

touchdown run that put the Huskers in the lead for good.

"I guess our offense has confidence in me," said Gill, who had to tame a Hawaii defense that allowed 244 yards in the first half, but refused to give up any points.

"Their defense was jumping around a lot, so we just had to run the ball one, two, three on a quick count," Gill said. "Before it started, we knew that Hawaii was going to be a good team."

Hawaii Coach Dick Tomey said of Nebraska, "They were just better than we are. I think their physical strength — player to player — was too much."

Tomey took no consolation from blanketing the Huskers during the first half of the game. "We expect to win," he said. "And we're disappointed we didn't."

STAR-BULLETIN & ADVERTISER, Honolulu, Dec. 5, 1982

the scoring

Hawaii — 71 yards, 8 plays, 2:33 elapsed time. Quarles 4 run. Larsen kick. Big plays: Young 13 pass from Quarles. Butler 18 pass from Quarles. Nobles 19 pass from Quarles. Time: 7:05 first quarter. Score: Hawaii 7, Nebraska 0.

Hawaii — 43 yards, 10 plays, 3:34 elapsed time. Larsen 40 field goal. Big plays: Woodson strips Mathison of ball and recovers at Hawaii 34. Coleman 19 pass from Quarles. Murray 13 pass from Quarles. Time: 11:07 second quarter. Score: Hawaii 10, Nebraska 0.

Hawaii — 0 yards, 4 plays, 1:08 elapsed time. Larsen 27 field goal. Big plays: Kent Kafentzis block punt. Time: 9:12 third quarter. Score: Hawaii 13, Nebraska 0.

Nebraska — 80 yards, 8 plays, 3:06 elapsed time. Fryar 31 run. Seibel kick. Big plays: Gill 12 run. Time: 6:06 third quarter. Score: Hawaii 13, Nebraska 7.

Hawaii — 35 yards, 10 plays, 4:00 elapsed time. Larsen 42 field goal. Big plays:

Butler 21 pass from Quarles. Time: 1:58 third quarter. Score: Hawaii 16, Nebraska 7.

Nebraska — 74 yards, 12 plays, 5:07 elapsed time. Seibel 23 field goal. Big plays: Gill 20 run. Time: 11:51 fourth quarter. Score: Hawaii 16, Nebraska 10.

Nebraska — 18 yards, 1 play, 0:07 elapsed time. Gill 18 run. Seibel kick. Big play: Lyday hit and recovered Edgar fumble at Hawaii 18. Time: 11:27 fourth quarter. Score: Nebraska 24, Hawaii 16.

Nebraska — 50 yards, 3 plays, 0:42 elapsed time. Craig 6 run. Seibel kick. Big plays: Craig 34 run. Time: 10:14 fourth quarter. Score: Nebraska 31, Hawaii 16.

Nebraska — 80 yards, 5 plays, 1:38 elapsed time. Wilkening 10 run. Seibel kick. Big plays: Smith 28 run. Time: 3:06 fourth quarter. Score: Nebraska 37, Hawaii 16.

uh statistics

Nebraska	0	0	7	30-37
Hawaii	7	3	6	0-16

UH—Quarles 4 run (Larsen kick)	
UH—Larsen 40 FG	
UH—Larsen 27 FG	
Neb—Fryar 31 run (Seibel kick)	
UH—Larsen 42 FG	
Neb—Seibel 23 FG	
Neb—Gill 18 run (Seibel kick)	
Neb—Craig 7 run (Seibel kick)	
Neb—Wilkening 10 run (Seibel kick)	
Neb—Fryar 70 punt return (kick failed)	
A—46,876	

First downs	26	16
Rushes-yards	66-479	34-96
Passing yardage	96	203
Passes	6-15-1	17-41-1
Fumbles-lost	3-1	4-1
Punts	4-17-5	6-39-2
Penalties-yards	8-77	4-20

RUSHING Nebraska—Craig 18-127, Rozier 14-111, Fryar 6-69, Smith 4-56, Gill 6-56, Wilkening 9-39, Mason 2-11, Brungart 1-6, Mathison 6-minus 6	
Hawaii—Quarles 16-37, Edgar 8-30, Young 5-12, Fletcher 3-11, Cherry 1-6, Murray 1-0	

PASSING Nebraska—Mathison 4-7-1-49, Mason 1-3-0-11, Gill 1-5-0-36, Hawaii—Quarles 14-33-1-169, Cherry 3-8-0-34	
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RECEIVING Nebraska—Brown 3-54, Williams 2-23, Fryar 1-19, Hawaii—Coleman 4-53, Butler 2-39, Murray 2-31, Edgar 2-16, Scott 2-16, Kurt Kafentzis 2-14, Nobles 1-19, Young 1-12, Fletcher 1-2	
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'Huskers were ripe for picking

SUNDAY STAR-BULLETIN & ADVERTISER, Honolulu, Dec. 5, 1982

When the third quarter ended with Hawaii leading Nebraska, 16-7, I picked up the pressbox phone and called my office.

"Hey," I said, "how's this for a headline: 'Green Giants can Corn(huskers)?'"

I got groans in stereo, from the guy on the other end and the people around me in the pressbox. Too "corny," I guess.

Then I started roughing out my story in my mind. It would have said, "The Rainbows pulled off the upset of the year in college football with their own 'Aloha Bowl' or 'Senior Bowl' or whatever you want to call it, as inspiration." Or something like that.

"Wouldn't this be Hawaii's biggest win, ever?" one of the other sportswriters asked.

"Has to be," another replied.

There we were, a bunch of grownups, thinking the unthinkable, believing the unbelievable and hoping the near-impossible might actually happen.

Many of the 46,876 fans in Aloha Stadium were probably thinking the same thing. The seed of the thought was planted on the game's first play, when Falaniko Noga shot through a gap and dropped Nebraska I-back Mike Rozier for a yard loss.

The wishful-thinking continued on UH's first



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possession, in which Rainbow quarterback Bernard Quarles hit on four passes for 63 yards before scoring himself on a four-yard bootleg.

Almost everyone was standing for the ensuing kickoff, and you could feel the crowd thinking, "Hmmm, this is getting interesting."

It got even more interesting when UH forced three first-half

turnovers: a fumble, an interception and a recovery of an onside kick after Lee Larsen gave Hawaii a 10-0 lead with a 40-yard field goal in the second quarter.

The Rainbow defense came up with another big play in the third quarter when Kent Kafentzis blocked a punt to set up a 27-yard field goal by Larsen. The Cornhuskers answered with a touchdown but Larsen followed with a 42-yard field goal to give Hawaii a 16-7 lead.

All the while, you had the feeling that Nebraska had too much firepower and, at any moment, might kick Hawaii

back into the Stone Age.

But for the time being, the Rainbows were winning with guerilla warfare — the onside kick, using backup quarterback Raphael Cherry at tailback, changing Cherry's jersey number from 10 to 17 in the second half, and throwing to such unlikely receivers as Reggie Young and Ray Butler.

Quarles had plenty of time to pass and exploited Nebraska's soft secondary for 169 yards.

But in the fourth quarter, the Cornhusker offense was popping — especially center Dave Rimington, the 295-pound Outland Award winner.

SUNDAY STAR-BULLETIN & ADVERTISER, Honolulu, Dec. 5, 1982

'Huskers shuck off the Hawaii threat

By Dave Koga
Advertiser Staff Writer

The seconds ticked off the scoreboard clock at Aloha Stadium — 10, 9, 8 — and Dave Rimington of the University of Nebraska onto the playing field.

The outcome had been decided. There would be no victory for the University of Hawaii. There was no time left for a miracle, only tributes.

"You guys played great," Rimington said as he patted backs, slapped shoulder pads and shook hands. "You guys played great. Good game."

Rimington and company could afford to be gracious after last night's comeback 37-16 victory over Hawaii.

The Rainbows had played a great game against a great team. But in the end, there was no stopping Nebraska. There was no stopping I-back Roger Craig, who rushed for 127 yards. Or Mike Rozier, who ran for another 111. Or quarterback Turner Gill, who sat out the first half because of a muscle spasm in his back but guided the Cornhuskers to victory in the second.

"I told the team this was perhaps the greatest game it has played all year," Nebraska coach Tom Osborne said. "Hawaii played a hell of a game, and if we hadn't been a good team, we would have lost."

"But if we had lost, it wouldn't have been because we took Hawaii lightly. These guys did-

n't come all the way over here just to go through the motions."

The first half, though, was a nightmare for Nebraska.

A four-yard run by quarterback Bernard Quarles in the first quarter and a 40-yard field goal by Lee Larsen in the second staked the Rainbows to a 10-0 lead at halftime.

For the first time in 17 games, Nebraska failed to score in the first half.

Only two other teams — Penn State and Missouri — had led the Cornhuskers at halftime this year.

It also was the biggest half-time deficit faced by Nebraska since Iowa led 10-0 last season. But the Cornhuskers, trailing 16-7 entering the fourth quarter, struck with startling suddenness.

In a 1:37 span, the Cornhuskers scored 17 points to steal victory from Hawaii.

Gill completed one of five passes for 36 yards and rushed for 57 more on six carries in the second half. But, said Osborne, Gill's presence on the field made all the difference in the world.

"Turner's quarterbacked this team for a year now," Osborne said. "They have confidence in him. They just seem to play better when he's in there."

Gill said he sat out the first half because "I had a muscle spasm I just couldn't shake. I don't know what it was. It's never happened to me before in my life."

"It seemed like it was a real shock to the team when I didn't start, but I told everybody I'd be back in the second half. We were moving the ball in the first half, but I wasn't worried even if we weren't scoring. We have an explosive offense and I knew it was just a matter of time."

"This has to be our best win of the season, coming back the way we did."

That sentiment was echoed by Rimington, Nebraska's two-time Outland Trophy-winning center, who said he wasn't sure he would play last night because he got the flu shortly after arriving in Honolulu.

Rimington split playing time with reserve center Brad Johnson. As a result, his awaited confrontation with UH nose guard Falaniko Noga never was quite the clash of titans that had been expected.

But Rimington and Noga did go head-to-head on several plays, and Rimington came away impressed.

"The hitting was pretty fierce down there," Rimington said. "Noga's a tough, aggressive fellow."

"Hawaii played a hell of a game. It was their last game and I guess they wanted to show Nebraska how good they were. But we had to show people something, too. We didn't want to come all the way over here just to lose."

"It would have been a long trip back to Lincoln if we had."



Advertiser photo by Ron Jett

The Rainbows scored on their first series, driving 71 yards behind quarterback Bernard Quarles, who connected on four of five passes to set up his own touchdown run of four yards. Nebraska's defensive back Dave Burke (33) and noseguard Ken Graeber (52) move in but Quarles scored.

DENVER POST, Dec. 6, 1982

Gill leaves trainer to rally Cornhuskers

HONOLULU — Nebraska quarterback Turner Gill did not start Saturday night's game against Hawaii because of unexplained spasms in his back.

It was the first time the 6-foot-1, 183-pound junior field general had not been at the helm for the Cornhuskers this year.

In fact, Gill spent most of the first half in the locker room receiving treatment for his spasms.

"All I knew about the first half was that we were behind 10-0, we were moving the ball but were unable to score," Gill said after leading Nebraska to 37-16 comeback win over the Rainbows.

"The problem was under the shoulder blade. It bothered me

all day, and I've never had anything like it before," Gill said.

He started at quarterback to open the second half and guided the Huskers 80 yards toward their first touchdown with three minutes left in the third quarter. Gill had a 12-yard run in the drive, which culminated in Irving Fryar's 31-yard TD run.

Nebraska settled for a field goal by Kevin Seibel on its next possession and Gill proceeded to put the Big Eight champions ahead. The Huskers needed just three plays to negotiate 50 yards with Roger Craig scoring from 6 yards out.

"I guess our offense has confidence in me," Gill said.



Advertiser photo by Ron Jett

Hawaii's Ken Kafentzis stuffs a punt attempt by Nebraska's Grant Campbell during the third quarter. The block set up a 27-yard field goal by Lee Larsen which gave the Rainbows a 13-0 lead. Rainbow fans rocked the \$30 million dollar steel-concrete municipal stadium near Pearl Harbor. Radio listeners in Nebraska were nail-biting. Broadcasts began at 11:30 p.m. (Lincoln time).

SAN JOSE MERCURY, Dec. 6, 1982

Cornhuskers wake up, win

HONOLULU (UPI) — An ailing Turner Gill came off the bench in the second half Saturday night to spark the third-ranked Nebraska Cornhuskers to a come-from-behind 37-16 victory over Hawaii.

Nebraska, which closed its regular season with an 11-1 record and will face Louisiana State in the Orange Bowl Jan. 1, trailed 13-0 before it got started behind the junior quarterback. Gill sat out the first half of the game with a bad back.

Nebraska, which entered the game as the national leader in total offense and rushing offense, picked up 569 yards rushing and passing, 56 yards better than its average, and gained 473 yards on the ground, 88 yards better than its average.

Mike Rozier, who sat out the second half with a twisted ankle, picked up 111 yards on 14 carries.

ANDY YAMAGUCHI, Honolulu Advertiser: Hawaii coach Dick Tomey had wanted to keep Nebraska off-balance with gimmicks. "We couldn't line up and take them on with our regular stuff. They just physically wore us down. The real impact was their offensive line. There were big holes. We were trying to win."

OAKLAND TRIBUNE, Dec. 6, 1982

Gill lifts Nebraska over Rainbows

From Tribune wire reports

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MIAMI HERALD, Jan. 1, 1983

Rock-tough Cornhuskers have too much for LSU

Oklahoma Coach Barry Switzer still calls Nebraska's offense "the best they've had since '71."

Adds Stovall, who now faces the attack that burned Switzer's Sooners, 28-24, for the Big Eight title: "Nebraska and Penn State are the two best teams in America. I rate Georgia a shade behind, because they don't throw quite as well."

Amen, brother.

This time last year, I figured Clemson was being fed as a sacrifice to Nebraska's young lions. Instead, Clemson won it all. The Orange Bowl, 22-15. And the totally mythical national title. And the mailman has brought me newsprint sandwiches ever since. South Carolinians still tuck Xeroxes of that prediction inside two tiny pieces of pumpernickel and pop them into the mail.

I'm still going the anti-Tiger route, and I don't expect any mini-sandwiches from bayou country after tonight.

Naturally, Nebraska's coach doesn't buy that. Tom Osborne, who looks like an older copy of golf's Tom Watson and is just as big a braggart, purses his lips and allows as how he just can't understand how Nebraska could be favored by 10½ points.

"Of course," Osborne adds with typical thoughtfulness, "I'm the worse person to ask. You tend to think of your own weaknesses and exaggerate the opponent's strengths."

Nobody is exaggerating Nebraska's strengths. That's impossible. The only Cornhusker aspect even remotely questionable is defense. "And that," said Stovall, "is only because they're not on defense often enough to tell."

Edwin Pope

Sports Editor



You're in trouble when you can't fill up a movie projector with samples of an opponent's defense. Which is just the point Stovall keeps trying to make when he isn't swatting flu-bugs away from his players.

"I know this sounds callous," Stovall said, "but we've been lucky that only our coaches and their wives and children have had the flu so far."

"We've got enough to worry about with Nebraska. It's the only team I've seen that played as hard in the last five minutes of its ninth game as it did in the first five minutes of the season. They just flat knock people to their knees."

LSU is good. Nebraska is just better. Osborne may be the only Orange Bowl coach to have to leave the last pregame press conference early to warn his seniors against pro agents.

"I won't say much to them about the game," Osborne said. "I'll talk with them about finishing their education, and the United States Football League, and about being careful about agents."

That's luxury. That's Nebraska. That's the street-fight LSU has to worry about.



ENTERING ITS SECOND CENTURY, the Cornhusker Marching Band continues a tradition of a spirited entertainment for the Big Red fans in Memorial Stadium. Under the direction of Dr. Robert Fought, the 260-member unit provides exciting pre-game and half-time shows at each home game and travels to one conference game every year. Highlight of the just-ended season was a leading role in the Orange Bowl parade and halftime performance, both nationally televised.

Kris Van Norman

Monster Kris Van Norman said: "Sticking together pretty much sums up how we survived. We're not the most talented group and we're definitely not the best athletes, but we just fight like hell." A 6-1, 200 senior, Kris got six tackles against Penn State (five unassisted), and six against Oklahoma (four unassisted). In the Orange he had two, "unquestionably the best game our secondary played all year." During his career he had four interceptions. He's kin to Larry Kramer.



Toni Felici



Defensive end Tony Felici, 6-2, 205 senior out of Omaha Central, will be remembered as a big play guy for the Huskers. During three seasons going into the Orange Bowl against LSU, he had compiled 86 unassisted tackles and 54 assists. Against LSU, he managed five unassisted. Additionally he hard-charged the Tigers' barefoot punter, who had to scramble for 12 but came up short for a critical

first down. Felici (pronounced fuh-lee-see) was regarded by opponents as Nebraska's sack artist, accumulating 14 (for 115 yards) during his career. Felici is a physical education major. He labored at the Ak-Sar-Ben track during collegiate summers.

Toby Williams



A walk-on in 1978 out of Woodrow Wilson High in Washington, D.C., left tackle Toby Williams was hampered by injury last season but racked up 34 tackles, 14 unassisted, in the last five 1981 games. A 6-4, 255 senior, he finished strong this season with four tackles against LSU and a pass interception (the Tiger pass had been deflected by middle guard Jeff Merrell). Toby's brother, also a 1978 walk-on, was an all-American Husker defensive end last year, and a first-round draft choice of the Detroit Lions. Toby is a criminal justice major.



Nebraska lifts itself

MIAMI HERALD, Dec. 31, 1982

The world's largest weight-training complex provides the Orange Bowl with the biggest and strongest Cornhuskers yet.

By JIM MARTZ
Herald Sports Writer

The puniest player on Nebraska's first two offensive lines is Jeff Kwapick, a mere 6-3, 254 pounds. But all this bulk doesn't mean the Cornhuskers as soft and flabby as the Pillsbury Doughboy.

Thanks to a weight-training facility that's nearly as big as a football field, Nebraska enters Saturday night's Orange Bowl game against LSU with not only its biggest team in history but also its strongest.

Rumor has it that 290-pound center Dave Rimington can bench press the Orange Bowl. If that's true, then the entire Cornhusker squad must be able to lift the state of Nebraska.

The Cornhuskers boast a squad of 250 players, including walkons, and all of them can work out at once in the 13,000-square foot weight-training complex that strength coach Boyd Epley says is the largest in the world.

And Epley should know. He's president of the National Strength Coaches Association, and in 1980 he was voted National Strength Coach of the Year.

"The facility is awesome," Epley said Thursday while Rimington and teammates lifted at the University of Miami. "It cost \$200,000 to renovate the room and there's \$120,000 worth of equipment."

There are three other weight-training rooms on the Nebraska campus for athletes in other sports and students. Epley boasts a staff of 25 student assistants and a photographer. He also has his own computer to chart the progress of players.

"I went to Athletic Director Bob Devaney two years ago and said we needed more room," recalled Epley. "We had about 3,000 square feet then. We had the reputation as having the best facility, but others had been built that were better."

"I showed him a picture of Missouri's and Kansas State's and he said mine was better. Then I showed him Oklahoma's new facility and he said, 'All right, what do you need?'"

A decade ago, strength coaches in college football were as rare as the flying wedge. Today, most major-college football programs not only have strength coaches but also have weight-training pro-

grams for everyone from women's swimmers to cheerleaders.

"It was a strange thing," Epley said. "Not only didn't football teams not lift, they were recommended not to. The had no stretching programs, no in-season lifting, no winter program, no testing of strength and power."

Now such programs are commonplace.

Epley, a former pole vaulter at Nebraska, launched the Cornhuskers' strength program in 1969. It became the forerunner of programs in the nation, including UM's.

"My title probably shouldn't be strength coach," Epley said. "We aren't trying to make our players the strongest but to make them the best football players they can be. Speed and agility are much more difficult to develop than strength."

"You don't see 500-pound bench pressers on our team, you see explosive players. Though this is our strongest team, we're not trying to be the strongest, just the best."

MIAMI HERALD, Dec. 31, 1982

By EDWIN POPE
Miami Herald Sports Editor

I'm a college football man all the way.

College football's passion and its pageantry override everything in sports except the Olympics, which we see only once every four years. Nothing stirs so many sports souls as the sights and sounds of a college football troupe decked out and marching, or making a stand, in an emotion-swept stadium.

Where anticipation is often the better part of a pro playoff or Super Bowl, big college games almost invariably exceed expectations for sheer liveliness and radiance.

I say this knowing that Saturday night's Orange Bowl Classic is causing less than seismic vibrations hereabouts.

For all the appeal of the 49th OBC to followers from Nebraska and Louisiana State, for all the glamor and animation it will deliver to millions of viewers, the game will not be No. 1 in college football.

None of this is the fault of the Orange Bowl Committee, which patently has been this area's most productive body ever in terms of dollars brought in and constructive excitement generated.

Inarguably, at the same time, civil disorder has taken center stage.

It is no less true because we don't like it: The world thinks of Miami this week as turmoil rather than international sports capital.

Ursula Walsh



Scores of Huskers, past and present, are grateful to Ursula Walsh. As NU's athletic department academic counselor, she is a surrogate school "marm" and aids athletes in maintaining perspective during arduous years of football. Holder of a bachelor of arts degree from Rosary College (River Forest, Ill.), a master's from St. Thomas (St. Paul), and a doctor of philosophy degree from NU (1975), she's completing her 11th year working with Huskers. She has earned the gratitude of scores of athletes.

On to Miami

Huskers take high road . . . and LSU Tigers take low road

GAME 1:

NEBRASKA 42,
IOWA 7

Nebraska opened its 1982 season in explosive fashion, scoring 28 first-half points and going on to crush defending Big Ten champion and 1981 Husker nemesis Iowa, 42-7. Turner Gill completed nine of 16 passes for 144 yards and two TDs, Irving Fryar caught six passes for 127 yards and a TD, and Mike Rozier started his record-breaking season with 127 rushing yards.

GAME 2:

NEBRASKA 68,
NEW MEXICO STATE 0

The Huskers' high-powered offense set four NCAA records as the Big Red crushed New Mexico State, 68-0. Nebraska rolled up 883 yards' total offense, 677 rushing yards without a loss, 43 total first downs and 36 first downs rushing — all new national marks. Six Husker backs rushed for 49 or more yards led by Mike Rozier's 149 (including three touchdowns) and Jeff Smith's 126.

GAME 3:

PENN STATE 27,
NEBRASKA 24

In one of the most exciting games of this or any college football season, Nittany Lion quarterback Todd Blackledge completed a two-yard touchdown pass to tight end Kirk Bowman with four seconds left to wipe out a spectacular Nebraska rally. NU had trailed, 21-7, early in the second half, but rallied to go ahead, 24-21, on Turner Gill's one-yard run with 1:18 left in the game, only to see Penn State march 65 yards in 10 plays.

GAME 4:

NEBRASKA 41,
AUBURN 7

Nebraska survived an early scare and went on to crush a fine Auburn team, 41-7. The Tigers had pulled into a 7-7 tie with the Huskers after one period, but NU added single TDs in the second and third periods to take a 21-7 lead, then exploded for three fourth-quarter touchdowns. Turner Gill's 58-yard touchdown pass to split end Todd Brown with 3:32 left in the first half broke the tie and sent the Huskers on their way.

GAME 5:

NEBRASKA 40
COLORADO 14

Nebraska rolled to a 20-0 halftime lead and seemed to have the Big Eight opener well in hand against a fired-up group of Colorado Buffaloes. But CU rallied for two quick TDs in the third quarter and all of a sudden, the lead was reduced to 20-14. Behind I-back Mike Rozier's 212-yard rushing performance, though, the Huskers put together three fourth-quarter drives to ice the game at chilly Folsom Field.

GAME 6

NEBRASKA 42,
KANSAS STATE 13

Nebraska rolled to 496 yards' total offense and punter Grant Campbell never left the bench as the Huskers whipped Kansas State in their first Memorial Stadium ap-

pearance in nearly a month. Mike Rozier became only the second Nebraska back to go over 2000 yards' rushing in back-to-back games as he ran for 204 yards and two TDs before leaving with a hip pointer. Turner Gill completed 11 of 12 passes for 101 yards and a TD.

GAME 7:

NEBRASKA 23,
MISSOURI 19

Senior quarterback Bruce Mathison, subbing for the injured Turner Gill, guided the Huskers to two fourth quarter touchdowns to erase a 13-9 Missouri lead and give Nebraska a rugged, 23-19, win in a regionally-televised game. Mathison and the Huskers were helped by a gutsy performance by Mike Rozier, who had not been expected to play, but came off the bench to rush for 139 yards despite a painful hip pointer.

GAME 8

NEBRASKA 52,
KANSAS 0

Nebraska rolled up 32 first downs, 426 rushing yards and 546 yards total offense and held Kansas to seven first downs and 69 total yards (six on the ground) in recording the second shutout of the season. Mike Rozier rushed for 123 yards and two touchdowns and Turner Gill completed 10 of 14 passes for 115 yards and one TD.

GAME 9

NEBRASKA 48,
OKLAHOMA STATE 10

The expected confrontation between two of the nation's top five rushers never developed as the Huskers' Mike Rozier outgained national rushing champ Ernest Anderson of OSU, 251 yards to 68. Rozier's performance gave him 1,379 yards on the season, breaking Bobby Reynolds' 32-year-old school record of 1,342. Rozier broke the record on his final carry, a 37 yard touchdown run (his fourth TD of the game) that left him just

four yards short of the NU single-game record.

GAME 10:

NEBRASKA 48,
IOWA STATE 10

After a 7-7 first-period tie, Nebraska rolled to two touchdowns in each of the final three quarters to register its second straight 48-10 win. Despite frigid, blustery weather, the Huskers rolled up 460 total offensive yards to set up a battle for the Big Eight championship two weeks later against Oklahoma. Mike Rozier recorded his sixth-consecutive 100-yard-plus day with a 103-yard performance.

GAME 11:

NEBRASKA 28,
OKLAHOMA 24

Nebraska wrapped up its second-straight Big Eight title and Orange bowl bid with a fiercely-contested 28-24 win over Oklahoma. The Huskers trailed, 10-7, early in the second quarter, but two touchdown runs by fullback Doug Wilkening put NU on top 21-10, at halftime. OU's sensational freshman, Marcus Dupree, got the Sooners back in the game with an 86-yard TD early in the second half, and after the two teams traded TDs, the game was in doubt until Scott Strasburger's interception with 26 seconds left iced Nebraska's 14th-straight conference win.

GAME 12

NEBRASKA 37,
HAWAII 16

Turner Gill came off the bench in the second half to lead the Huskers to a 37-16 come-from-behind win over the fired-up Hawaii Rainbows. With Gill nursing back spasms on the bench in the first half, the 'Bows took a 10-0 halftime lead, and still led, 16-7, entering the fourth period, but behind Gill's artistry, Nebraska scored 17 points within 1:37 early in the fourth quarter to go ahead for good, then put the game away with two TDs in the final 3:06.

GAME 1

LOUISIANA STATE, 45
OREGON STATE 8

Freshman tailbacks Dalton Hilliard and Garry James gained 133 and 128 yards respectively, for LSU. Quarterback Alan Risher passed for two touchdowns as the Tigers had 515 yards in total offense. Unranked by AP.

GAME 2

LOUISIANA STATE 52
RICE 13

Alan Risher passed for three touchdowns as the Tigers pulled away in the second half. LSU held a 7-0 lead with four-minutes left in the first half, but Risher directed a 68-yard drive for a 14-0 lead. He completed four passes and scrambled twice for 21 yards in the drive. In a 17-point third quarter, Juan Betanzos kicked a 51-yard field goal, third longest in LSU history. Unranked by AP.

GAME 3

LOUISIANA STATE 24,
FLORIDA 13

Dalton Hilliard scored three touchdowns in the first half against the fourth-ranked Gators. Hilliard ran for 127 yards and caught four passes for 80 yards. Senior cornerback James Britt intercepted two passes in the first half and battled away a likely TD pass in end zone in the third quarter. AP rating: 18th.

GAME 4

LOUISIANA STATE 24,
TENNESSEE 24

Tennessee scored 10 points in the final 10 minutes to gain the tie. With LSU leading 24-21, Tiger kicker Juan Bentanzos missed a 41-yard field goal attempt with 2:47 left. Tennessee gained the tie on a 52-yard field goal by Fuad Reveiz with 2:07 left. AP rating: 16th.

GAME 4

LOUISIANA STATE 34,
KENTUCKY 10

LSU defenders held Ken-

tucky to a minus 1-yard in total offense in the second half for its 500th football victory. The Tigers held a 20-10 lead in the fourth quarter and clinched the win with a touchdown with 8:09 left. AP rating 14th.

GAME 5

LOUISIANA STATE 14,
SOUTH CAROLINA 6

Linebacker Albert Richardson tied an LSU record with 21 tackles and spearheaded a defense that didn't allow South Carolina to cross midfield on its last six possessions. Quarterback Alan Risher and split end Eric Martin supplied the winning points in the first half with touchdown passes of 6 and 25 yards. AP rating: 13th.

GAME 6

LOUISIANA STATE 45,
MISSISSIPPI 18

LSU's defense had eight quarterback sacks and tailbacks Dalton Hilliard and Gary James combined for five touchdowns. Hilliard gained 123 yards rushing and James 74. AP rating: 11th.

GAME 8

LOUISIANA STATE 20,
ALABAMA 10

Quarterback Alan Risher completed 20 of 26 passes and the LSU defense didn't allow Alabama a first down in the first half. Alabama gained only 45 yards rushing. The Tigers jumped to a 17-0 halftime lead, driving 90 yards for the first touchdown. A fumble recovery at the Alabama 27 set up the second touchdown and another fumble recovery at the Alabama 13 set up a 23-yard field goal by Juan Bentanzos. AP rating: 6th.

GAME 9

MISSISSIPPI STATE 27,
LOUISIANA STATE 24

Dana Moore, a native of Baton Rouge, La., kicked a 45-yard field goal with 25 seconds left to give Mississippi the win. The Rebels rushed for 296 yards. LSU's Alan Risher completed 25 of 34



JERRY STOVALL
LSU head coach

passes and a school-record 308 yards. The Tigers forged a 24-all tie with 4:52 left on a 35-yard run by fullback Mike Montz. After an exchange of punts, Mississippi drove for the winning field goal. AP rating 12th.

GAME 10

LOUISIANA STATE 55,
FLORIDA STATE 21

Dalton Hilliard gained 183 yards on 36 carries and caught two passes for 50 yards as the Tigers had a season-high 620 yards of offense, including 385 yards rushing. With the score tied at 14, LSU drove 80 yards in 14 plays for the touchdown. Hilliard carried seven straight times in the drive. The Tigers had four touchdowns in the second half. AP rating: 7th.

GAME 11

TULANE 31,
LOUISIANA STATE 28

Tulane drove 78 yards in the final quarter for the winning touchdown after LSU took a 28-24 lead with 10:15 left on a 68-yard run by tailback Garry James, the longest TD run at LSU since 1963. The winning touchdown came when Tulane quarterback Mike McKay, who completed 23 of 31 passes for 233 yards, passed 31 yards to fullback Reggie Reginelli on a fourth-and 3 situation. LSU drove to the Tulane 30, but quarterback Alan Risher's fourth down pass in the end zone was intercepted. That ended Risher's string of 137 pass attempts without an interception. AP rating: 13th.

7 Huskers named to Big 8 academic team

Offensive linemen Dave Rimington and Randy Thiess, defensive end Bill Weber, defensive lineman Rob Stuckey, and defensive backs Kris Van Norman, Tim Holbrook and Jim Murphy are Nebraska players named to the Big Eight Academic Team.

Other selections include:

Offense: Ends—Dave Hestera of Colorado and Jim Knuth of Iowa State; linemen—Doug Freeman of Oklahoma State, Karl Nelson and Jim Meyer of Iowa State, and Brent Burks of Oklahoma; backs—Mark Hundley of Kansas State, Weldon Ledbetter and Steve Sewell of Oklahoma, and kicker Bruce Kallmeyer of Kansas.

Defense: Ends—Tim Friess of Kansas; linemen—Bob Daniels of Kansas State and Rick Bryan of Oklahoma; linebackers—Mark Carlson of Iowa State and Matthew Monger of Oklahoma State; back—Darren Gale of Kansas State; kicker—Michael Keeling of Oklahoma.



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Mark Schellen

Who scored Nebraska's first TD in the 1983 Orange Bowl? Mark Schellen, 5-10, 230 junior from Waterloo, who carried from the LSU six on the sixth play of the Huskers' opening 51-yard drive. Schellen sat out a year after transferring from the University of Nebraska at Omaha. He's pictured sunning in Miami with 4-month-old daughter Jennifer. Schellen's wife, Lynne, is in the background.

Todd Brown



"Mr. Old Reliable" best describes Holdrege's Todd Brown, 6-0, 173 senior, whose four grabs contributed to 51 yards in the Orange Bowl win over LSU. He was offended once, costing LSU 15 yards. For the 13-game 1982 season, Brown caught 27 passes for 450 yards, 16.6 average, and four touchdowns. He had 42 receptions for 693 yards and eight TDs during his first two years as a starter. Often unnoticed by Mr. Average Fan, Brown's execution on blocking assignments was invaluable. Brown came to Nebraska in 1978 on a track scholarship. He's an honor student majoring in construction management and engineering.

Dean Steinkuhler



"Nebraska boy from Burr ready to tangle with Bryan." That was the banner Oklahoma City Times headline heralding Dean Steinkuhler's challenge of Oklahoma's all-American defensive left tackle Rick Bryan. Steinkuhler, 6-4, 257 junior, is the NU right guard and the only member of the front seven who will be returning next year. He played eight-man football at Sterling, and won all-state Class D honors. Steinkuhler is a criminal justice major.

Nebraska rally cages Tigers

54,407 see Huskers win OB, 21-20

By GARY LONG
Herald Sports Writer

Those red-clad partisans in the smallest Orange Bowl Classic crowd in 36 years are still hooked on the Huskers.

Nebraska's avid supporters had to wait until late in the third period for Coach Tom Osborne's troops to flash the talents that had elevated them to the No. 3 national ranking.

But the Cornhuskers finally struck with touchdown drives covering 80 and 47 yards to shake off tenacious Louisiana State University Saturday night and claim a 21-20 victory.

Quarterback Turner Gill passed 11 yards to tailback Mike Rozier for one touchdown and vaulted a yard for another to lift his team from a 17-7 third-quarter deficit to a final 12-1 ledger.

The Tigers couldn't get a ground game going to balance Alan Risher's 173-yard passing and fell to 8-3-1 in a season that still stands as a success under the circumstances.

The Bayou Bengals were coming off a 3-7-1 campaign that had Coach Jerry Stovall walking the high wire of job security when this year began.

The flashy freshman most responsible for the turnaround, tailback Dalton Hilliard, did flaunt his skills Saturday night with eight pass receptions for 82 yards, but the Huskers' defense limited him to 29 yards rushing on 18 carries. Rozier, in contrast, netted 118 yards on 26 trips.

Only 54,407 persons among the 68,713 who purchased tickets bothered to show up, and though the Huskers did stagger around some with six turnovers, the fans got a wild, satisfying show.

One of those thrills came in a halftime show featuring the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra from London, the one that has made those "Hooked On..." albums such collectibles.

With the national championship being decided to a Dixieland jazz beat not far from New Orleans' Bourbon Street, Nebraska could shoot only for a No. 2 ranking.

Osborne had said this week that

"if we play well, I'm prepared to say this is the best team I've had." Four lost fumbles and two interceptions may have swayed him some, but this is the first of his 10 Nebraska teams to lose no more than one game.

It looked like it was going to be easy for Nebraska when the Cornhuskers ripped off 51 yards in six plays to jump on top, 7-0, just four minutes into the game. But nothing else went right for them the rest of the first half.

Nebraska fumbled the ball away three times in the first half, and two of those set up 11- and 45-yard drives that staked LSU to a 14-7 lead before the music-and-lights halftime show.

What's more, the second of the three fumbles aborted a drive that had reached the LSU 13-yard line when fullback Mark Schellen's fumble was recovered by linebacker Rydell Malancon. Gill thwarted another Nebraska drive late in the first half when one of his passes was picked off by Malancon.

On Nebraska's opening drive of the game, Gill passed 22 yards to wingback Irving Fryar and scampered 14 yards on an option keeper to set up Schellen's five-yard burst up the middle for a 7-0 lead.

The Tigers surged right back on the passing of Risher, who completed three of five tosses for 51 yards in a drive that stalled at the Nebraska 19.

Juan Betanzos came on to kick a 35-yard field goal, but he was roughed by Nebraska cornerback Allen Lyday on the play. Stovall opted to take the three points off the board and accept a first down at the nine.

That move appeared to have backfired two plays later when Risher, under pressure, fired low into the line and watched the ball carom into the air and back down into the arms of Husker tackle Toby Williams for an interception at the seven.

On Nebraska's first play, however, LSU nose guard Ramsey Dardar hit Rozier from behind to shake loose a fumble that LSU safety Liffort Hobley recovered at the 11-yard line.

From there, Hilliard gained eight yards on first down and lost three on second. Fullback Mike Montz's third-down carry up the middle left LSU inches short of a first down. Risher's fourth-down sneak produced a first down, and Hilliard needed two sweeps to the right to cover the last yard for the touchdown. Betanzos kicked the tying

point with 4:24 left in the first period.

Gill put together yet another impressive drive, completing all four passes as the Huskers moved to LSU's 13, where they had a second and one. But on the first play of the second quarter, Schellen fumbled on a dive into the middle, and the ever-present Malancon recovered.

The Tigers couldn't move on that possession and were forced to punt. But Fryar fumbled after fielding Clay Parker's 52-yard punt, and LSU's Gene Lang alertly popped onto the loose ball and gave Hilliard the opportunity to display his multiple talents.

The 185-pound scatback took a short five-yard flip from Risher and turned it into a 24-yard gain to the 21. Then, on third and six from the 17, Risher again found Hilliard with a 14-yard pass to Nebraska's three.

Hilliard plunged to the one on first down but couldn't cross the goal on his next two carries. Again LSU went for the TD instead of settling for a field goal, and Hilliard swept to the left untouched for the score. Betanzos kicked the advantage to 14-7.

Nebraska gambled on a fake punt on its next possession and Doug Wilkening was a yard short after his three-yard run, giving LSU possession at midfield. The Bengals were unable to take advantage.

Nebraska threatened again in the closing minutes of the first half after taking over at the Tiger 43 following a punt. Gill hit Fryar on passes of 18 and three yards to reach the 20, but Malancon intercepted and returned 13 yards to the 28, killing the threat as the half ended with LSU leading, 14-7.

Gill's eight-for-12 passing for 106 yards and a Nebraska defense that stifled Hilliard's running (22 yards in 15 carries) if not his pass-catching (three for 51 yards) gave the Huskers a 186-123 total-offense advantage. But the four turnovers had undermined them.

Jeff Smith returned the second-half kickoff 31 yards to the Nebraska 49, and Rozier netted 21 yards in just two carries for a first down at the LSU 30.

But the Huskers stalled, and Seibel misfired on a 39-yard field goal.

Nebraska nudged over midfield on its next possession as well. But on second down from the LSU 48, Gill's pitchout sailed behind Fryar. The Husker wingback slipped trying to retreat to it, and linebacker Lawrence Williams recovered for LSU at the Nebraska 40.

Risher's passes to Hilliard for 14



Miami Herald photo/Bill Frakes

NU tight end Jamie Williams gets hug from teammate Todd Brown after 21-20 victory.

yards and to Martin for 19 took the ball to the Huskers' seven. But Montz's burst to the one on first down was nullified by a motion penalty, and Risher's next three passes fell incomplete.

That brought on Betanzos for a 28-yard field goal that boosted LSU's lead to 17-7 midway through the third quarter.

But Nebraska came to life. A personal-foul penalty against the fired-up Tigers on a play that would have left Nebraska in a third-down-and-10 predicament triggered an 80-yard scoring drive capped by Rozier's 11-yard dash with a Gill swing pass.

Previously, Gill had kept on an option play for 14 yards to convert on a third down and gambled on a fourth-and-one from the LSU 35 by firing 18 yards to split end Todd Brown on a curl pattern at the right hashmark.

On the third-and-four TD play, Rozier went in motion to the right and had clear sailing when he clutched Gill's rifled pass. Seibel's kick pared the Tigers' lead to 17-14

with 1:25 left in the third quarter.

Nebraska's defense got into the spirit, too. Two quarterback sacks forced the Tigers into punt formation, but Parker, apparently spooked by an onrushing Husker, faked the kick and ran to the left. He was corralled at the sideline eight yards short of the 19 he needed.

Nebraska capitalized on the superb field position by moving 47 yards in seven plays to go on top.

What they said:

By JIM MARTZ, Miami Herald:

A student manager discovered a flask under the Nebraska bench just before kickoff, but he didn't suspect it belonged to a player. "It was left by somebody in the philharmonic," the manager said as he turned it over to a policeman. Cornhusker defensive tackle Doug Hermann celebrated his 22nd birthday on New Year's Day. When center Dave Rimington trotted off the field for the final time after the game, his No. 50 jersey was retired. Nebraska tradition says that any player who wins the Heisman Trophy, or who wins both the Outland and Lombardi trophies in the same year, will have his jersey retired. Rimington's jersey is the fourth retired at Nebraska, joining center Tom Novak (1946-49), Rich Glover (1970-72), Johnny Rodgers (1970-72), won the 1972 Heisman Trophy; Glover won both the Outland and Lombardi in '72, and Novak's jersey was retired by a vote of the Varsity N Club (no longer active).

EDWIN POPE, Miami Herald: NBC kept viewers (and spectators) cooling heels for 36 minutes past the scheduled 8 p.m. (EST) LSU-Nebraska kickoff. As a final filip, the network muffed a sensational halftime show by running so many close-ups it missed the marvelous panorama of computerized pyrotechnics.

MOST MEMBERS of the world-renowned London Philharmonic Orchestra, an outfit that added an extra touch of class to the Orange Bowl intermission, never before had seen an American football game. The strings personified a fine-tuned "I" formation; bass, the defensive chargers.

Statistics

Individual

Louisiana State

RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	TD	Long	
Hilliard	18	34	2	8	
Montz	4	9	0	3	
Risher	8	8	0	7	
Parker	1	12	0	12	
PASSING					
	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD	Int
Risher	30	14	173	0	2

Team

	LSU	Nebraska
FIRST DOWNS - TOTAL	12	22
First downs rushing	2	10
First downs passing	9	9
First downs by penalty	1	3
NET YARDS RUSHING	38	219
Rushing plays	31	58
Yards lost	25	18
NET YARDS PASSING	173	184
Passes attempted	30	22
Passes completed	14	13
Interceptions suffered	2	2
NET YARDS - TOTAL	211	403
Total offensive plays	61	80
Avg. gain per play	3.4	5.0
Fumbles-lost	1-0	4-4
Penalties-yards	8-54	4-25
Interceptions-yards	2-33	2-(-21)
Punts-average	6-39.2	1-31.0
Punt returns-yards	0-0	2-56
Kickoff returns-yards	3-63	3-70

LSU	7	7	3	3	20
Nebraska	7	0	7	7	21
NEB - Schellen 5 run (Seibel kick)					
LSU - Hilliard 1 run (Betanzos kick)					
LSU - Hilliard 1 run (Betanzos kick)					
LSU - FG Betanzos 28					
NEB - Rozier 11 pass from Gill (Seibel kick)					
NEB - Gill 1 run (Seibel kick)					
LSU - FG Betanzos 49					
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	No.	Yds	TD	Long
RECEIVING				
Scott	4	67	0	25
Hilliard	8	82	0	24
Martin	2	24	0	19
PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long
Parker	6	235	39.1	52
KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds		
Fountain	1	35		
Martin	2	28		
INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds		
Malancon	1	13		
Williams	1	20		

Nebraska

RUSHING					
	Att	Yds	TD	Long	
Rozier	26	118	0	14	
Wilkins	1	3	0	3	
Fryar	2	12	0	9	
Gill	12	37	1	14	
Schellen	5	23	1	7	
Craig	6	12	0	6	
Maravec	4	10	0	4	
Smith	2	4	0	3	
PASSING					
	Att	Cmp	Yds	TD	Intc
Gill	23	12	184	1	2
RECEIVING					
	No.	Yds	TD	Long	
Fryar	5	84	0	29	
Brown	4	51	0	18	
Rozier	3	28	1	11	
Williams	1	21	0	21	
PUNTING					
	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	
Campbell	1	31	31.0	31	
PUNT RETURNS					
	No.	Yds.			
Fryar	2	56			
KICKOFF RETURNS					
	No.	Yds.			
Fryar	1	18			
Wilkening	1	21			
Smith	1	31			
INTERCEPTIONS					
	No.	Yds			
Williams	1	2			
Burke	1	0			

Nebraska grows its players big

By JIM MARTZ
Herald Sports Writer

The biggest tourist in the Nebraska contingent stood on the sidelines before Saturday night's Orange Bowl game wearing a Cornhusker jersey and toting a camera.

At 6-7, 260 pounds, Bill Lewis is brawnier than most of the behemoths on the Nebraska football team. Yet he is only the fifth-team center.

Lewis, a sophomore, is one of more than 40 redshirted players who had to watch the game against LSU from the stands or behind the bench.

"I hate to stand here and watch the game," Lewis said as his teammates went through pre-game drills. "I still get tense even though I'm not playing. But next year will be my turn to play."

Ken Shead, a sophomore nose guard who also is being redshirted, stood next to Lewis wearing radio earphones. "Being redshirted is good and bad in so many ways," Shead said, "but in the long run

you're going to come out on top if you have the right attitude. You get an extra year to get bigger and better and you have an extra year to get your degree.

"It's hard week after week to get hit and not look forward to playing in a game Saturday. But at least this separates us from the fans."

If a national rope-jumping contest is ever held, the Cornhuskers would do well to enter Lewis. "He can do 306 hits in a minute, which is amazing," said Nebraska strength coach Boyd Epley. "The average for a player is 230 to 240."

Epley is impressed with yet another redshirt who should help Nebraska continue its national prestige: freshman defensive back Greg Rozier, brother of starting halfback Mike Rozier. "He's the strongest back we've ever had," said Epley.

Epley spent his pre-game time on the sideline explaining football to members of the Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of London.

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Osborne gets victory ride

By GEORGE DIAZ
Herald Sports Writer

For Nebraska Coach Tom Osborne, it was one of the sweetest rides of his life.

Minutes after his Cornhuskers nipped Louisiana State University, 21-20, in the 49th annual Orange Bowl Saturday night, Osborne had his stroll to the locker room interrupted by some of his players. Just 15 yards away from the end zone, Nebraska's players hoisted Osborne on their shoulders and gave him a free ride the rest of the way.

But this game was anything but the leisurely stroll that many observers expected for Nebraska. The Cornhuskers were 10½-point favorites but needed two-second half touchdowns to secure the victory.

Osborne left the Orange Bowl a winner for the first time in three tries. Nebraska lost to Oklahoma in 1979 and to Clemson here last year in the game that decided the national champion.

Penn State figures to have a lock on this year's honor as the nation's best, although Osborne briefly stated the case for his team, which lost only to Penn State, 27-24, in the third game of the season. The Cornhuskers won 12 others.

"Some arguments can be made

for Nebraska, although I don't think we played well enough tonight," Osborne said. "If you look over our 13-game schedule, we may deserve it ... But that's the fallacy about the whole thing — the voting by coaches and writers in the polls. I hate to have to get up here on this podium and campaign for this great team."

The squad Osborne called "the best football team we've had here in 10 years" committed four turnovers in the first half and two more in the second, three of which would prove pivotal in LSU scoring drives.

Osborne said he tried to compensate for his team's jitters by gambling more than usual. Osborne took three gambles and lost twice. Nebraska faked a punt in the first half and tried a run but missed the first down. In the second half, Tim Brungardt dropped a pass from quarterback Turner Gill on a fake field-goal attempt that would have given the Cornhuskers a touchdown.

Osborne won his gamble when Gill passed to Todd Brown on a fourth and one from the LSU 35 to give Nebraska a first down on the LSU 17. "We took our chances," Osborne said. "When you play a great team like LSU, you have to take chances."

DES MOINES SUNDAY REGISTER, Jan. 2, 1983

Huskers hold LSU to 38 yards rushing

MIAMI, FLA. — When Nebraska's football team went 51 yards in six plays on its first possession in the Orange Bowl Saturday night, it seemed unlikely that Louisiana State would ever be able to stop such a juggernaut.

Huge pools of sympathy formed for the "undermatched" Southeastern Conference team, and there was plenty of room for such pools to form because 14,306 ticket buyers failed to show. That produced a live turnout of only 54,407, the smallest since the 1947 game drew a mere 36,172.

Historians or whoever it is that studies these matters will have to figure out how much of the smaller turnout was due to fear of civil disturbance in a nearby black community early this week and how much was due to Penn State and

Georgia's meeting at the same time in a televised Sugar Bowl attraction.

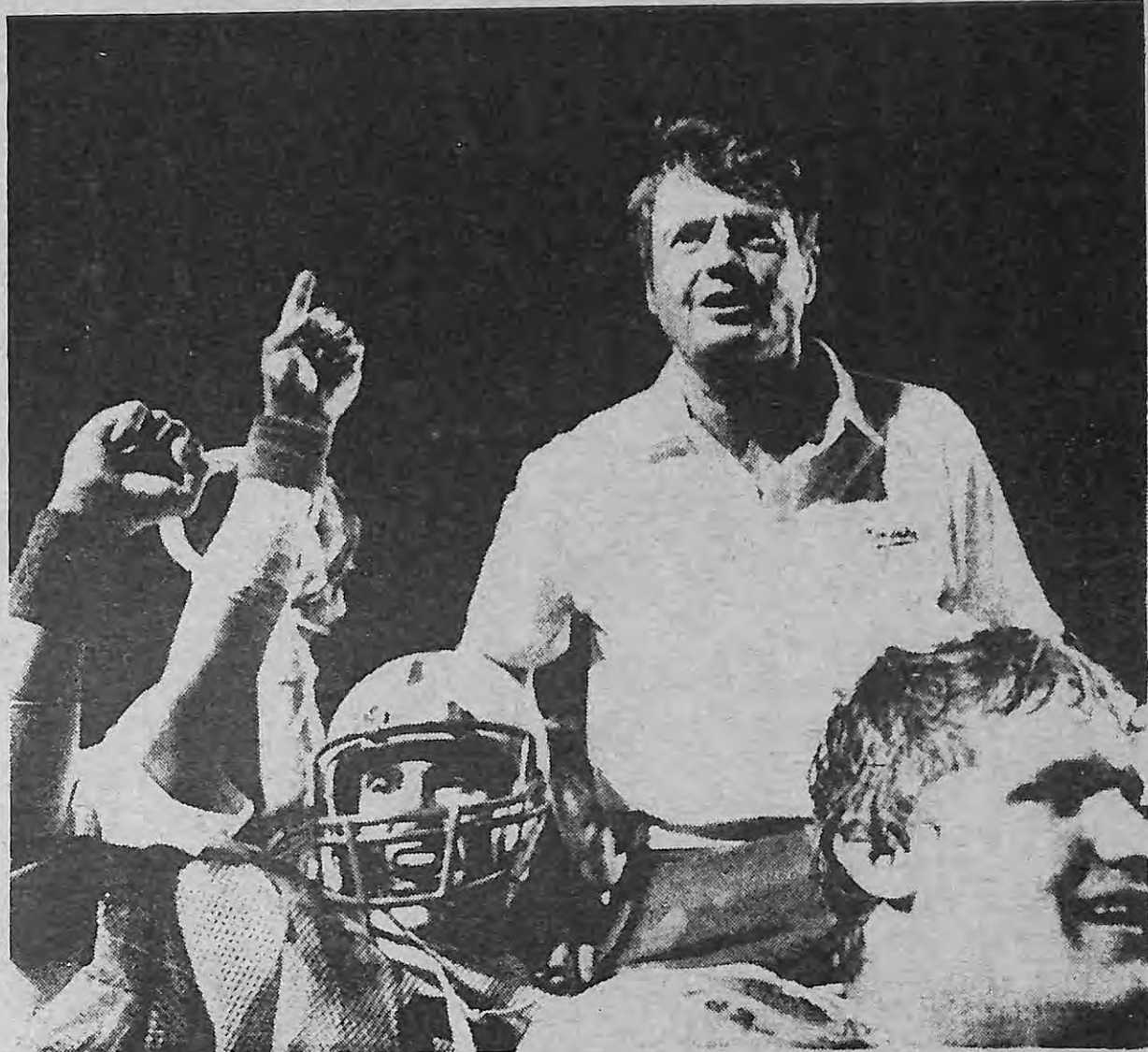
My guess is that the latter was the main factor, but no matter. Shortly

The Cornhuskers boast the nation's most prolific offensive machine, but they fell far short of their 41-point average after losing four fumbles, having two passes intercepted, failing on two fake kicks and missing a field goal.

Nebraska, finishing 12-1, had to drive only 47 yards for the winning touchdown after Louisiana State punter Clay Parker, forced to change position under a rush, elected to run rather than kick on fourth and 19 and got only 12 yards.

The key play in the drive was Gill's short pass over the middle to Irving Fryar for 29 yards to the LSU 4.

Gill got the touchdown with 11



Miami Herald photo

Nebraska coach Tom Osborne get a victory ride from his players after the Cornhuskers defeated LSU, 21-20, in the Orange Bowl Game on Saturday night.

MIAMI NEWS, Jan. 3, 1983

The Orange Bowl at a glance

'We're not No. 1'

Neither Nebraska head coach Tom Osborne nor quarterback Turner Gill expected the Cornhuskers to finish the season ranked No. 1 in the nation in the final collegiate rankings, since second-ranked Penn State defeated top-ranked Georgia in the Sugar Bowl.

"We had to go out and play a tremendous game to have any chance at all and that didn't happen," Osborne said. "We just did not play well enough to deserve any consideration. Maybe if the poll people looked at our performance over 13 games we might deserve it. As far as I know, we are the only major college team in the country to win 12. But it would be hard to convince a lot of people that we are No. 1 based on tonight's performance."

Gill agreed.

"We think we're No. 1 based on our overall season performance but I realize that maybe we aren't in the eyes of the poll people," the quarterback said. "Penn State was the only team to beat us this year and because of that they probably deserve to be No. 1."

Close calls

Louisiana State was hurt by two penalties called on close plays, close enough for LSU assistant coach Pete Jenkins to term "questionable."

The first was a personal foul which was called after Gill was wrestled out of bounds for no gain on a second and 10 situation from his own 20-yard line. A 15-yard penalty followed and Nebraska went on to an 80-yard, 12-play touchdown drive to cut Louisiana State's lead to 17-14 with 1:25 remaining in the third quarter.

The second was a pass interference penalty on Tigers' cornerback James Britt on a third and six situation from the Louisiana State 43-yard line. The penalty gave Nebraska an automatic first down and the Cornhuskers went on to score the winning touchdown five plays later on a one-yard sneak by Gill early in the fourth quarter.

"I don't like to complain about officiating or blame a loss on the referees," said Jenkins, "but those were two mighty close calls at crucial parts of the game. It will be very interesting to see what films of the game reveal on those particular plays."

Counting heads

Saturday night's Orange Bowl attendance, according to the official turnstile count compiled by the City of Miami, was 54,407, although 68,713 tickets were sold.

Many of those who did not show up, or decided not to buy tickets to the game this year, presumably were influenced by the Sugar Bowl's matchup of top-ranked teams. The crowd was the Orange Bowl's smallest since 1947, when 36,152 watched Rice defeat Tennessee, 8-0.

Another factor might have been Nebraska's regular-season-ending trip to Hawaii. Approximately 8,000 Cornhuskers fans followed the team to Honolulu. Presumably, not many of those folks had the money to make an additional trip to Miami.

If that was the case, the Orange Bowl had better

hope that next year's Big Eight champion is not Oklahoma. The Sooners conclude the 1983 regular season in Hawaii on Dec. 3.

Halftime highlights

The Orange Bowl's halftime pageant, which featured the internationally renowned Royal Philharmonic Orchestra of London, was more action-packed and entertaining than the first.

The theme of the show was "Hooked on Games" and the props included more than 40,000 light bulbs, 17 miles of wiring, a 900 square foot, five-story center stage in the form of a Rubik's Cube, 48 domino dance props, 48 tennis rackets, 40 golf clubs, 36 dice, 16 tic-tac-toe props, two 16-foot Pac-Men and eight 16-foot Ghosts, which are also a part of the Pac-Man game, five checkerboards and four tanks, which, naturally, shot off more fireworks.

Surprises

Nebraska's defense held Louisiana State's offense to just 38 yards rushing in 31 attempts. The Tigers entered the Orange Bowl Classic averaging 229 yards per game on the ground.

LSU's defense, which was ranked third in the nation, "held" Nebraska's top-ranked offense to 403 yards, or approximately 115 yards less than usual.

Coaches comments

"I was really pleased with our effort," said Nebraska's Osborne, who took his team to its 10th bowl in as many years and improved his coaching record to 96-24-2. "By coming from behind the way we did, we showed the character of our team."

Said Louisiana State's Jerry Stovall: "I'm proud because we played the third-ranked team in the nation to a virtual standstill."

Brad Johnson



Brad Johnson, 6-4, 263 senior, is considered a pro prospect but doesn't want the same team as Dave Rimington. "It's a shame Brad has been here the same years as Dave," said Milt Tenopir, line coach. Brad said: "It's been positive all the way, a little frustrating. My parents (the Virgil Johnsons) and my fiancee/wife have helped a lot." Brad wed Merry

Jackson, of Hastings, Nov. 20. Brad was disappointed he didn't get into the Oklahoma home finale but played all others. His teammates hunted frequently on the family farm near Harvard, including Mike Moravec, Bruce Mathison, Mike Knox, and Craig Sundberg. Brad found time to help his brother, Bud, 25, be elected to the Nebraska Legislature. "We're a close-knit family," Brad said. Witness: the parents followed him this season to the Penn State, Auburn, Colorado, Kansas, Iowa State and Hawaii games. Only game missed: Orange Bowl.

It's final: Nebraska 3rd

Associated Press

1. Penn State (44)	11-1-0	1,089
2. So. Methodist (9)	11-0-1	1,023
3. Nebraska (2)	12-1-0	978
4. Georgia	11-1-0	953
5. UCLA	10-1-1	894
6. Arizona St.	10-2-0	729
7. Washington	10-2-0	679
8. Clemson	9-1-1	656
9. Arkansas	9-2-1	611
10. Pittsburgh	9-3-0	593
11. Louisiana St.	8-3-1	473
12. Ohio State	9-3-0	429
13. Florida State	9-3-0	380
14. Auburn	9-3-0	360
15. Southern Cal	8-3-0	337
16. Oklahoma	8-4-0	250
17. Texas	9-3-0	240
18. North Carolina	8-4-0	172
19. West Virginia	9-3-0	154
20. Maryland	8-4-0	147

United Press International

1. Penn State (33)	11-1-0	557
2. So. Methodist (4)	11-0-1	514
3. Nebraska	12-1-0	468
4. Georgia	11-1-0	436
5. UCLA	10-1-1	406
6. Arizona St.	10-2-0	314
7. Washington	10-2-0	293
8. Arkansas	9-2-1	266
9. Pittsburgh	9-3-0	216
10. Florida State	9-3-0	173
11. Louisiana St.	8-3-1	169
12. Ohio St.	9-3-0	147
13. North Carolina	8-4-0	86
14. Auburn	9-3-0	70
15. Michigan	8-4-0	53
16. Oklahoma	8-4-0	46
17. (tie) Alabama	8-4-0	45
17. (tie) Texas	9-3-0	45
19. West Virginia	9-3-0	40
20. Maryland	8-4-0	31

Huskers took turnovers in stride

By JIM MARTZ
Herald Sports Writer

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Sometimes it takes four weeks for Nebraska to fumble four times and suffer two interceptions. It took only four quarters Saturday night in the Orange Bowl game against LSU.

"Everybody makes mistakes — nobody's perfect," Cornhusker I-back Mike Rozier said after the game. "That's why we practice."

The turnovers — four of them in the first half — set up LSU's first two touchdowns and both field goals. But the Cornhuskers overcame themselves and the Tigers for a 21-20 victory. None of the Nebraska players seemed to doubt that they'd come back from a 17-7 deficit midway through the third quarter.

"We knew what we had to do," said wingback Irving Fryar, who fumbled a punt return at his own 45 before LSU's second TD. He also was the victim of an errant pitchout from quarterback Turner Gill that the Tigers recovered at the LSU 48 to set up their first field goal.

"They weren't stopping us, we were stopping ourselves," added Fryar.

"LSU has a helluva team. They compare to Penn State [which handed the Cornhuskers their only loss, 27-24]. Maybe they're better. We had to play the whole game, we couldn't relax."

Fryar didn't allow the Tigers a chance to relax, either. He caught a 28-yard pass for a first down at the LSU four in the touchdown drive that gave the Cornhuskers a 21-17 lead early in the fourth quarter. Moments later, he had a 42-yard punt return to the Tiger 25. But Nebraska failed to capitalize when Tim Brungardt dropped Gill's pass on a fake field goal try that probably would have produced a touchdown.

"We made every imaginable mistake," said center Dave Rimington, the Lombardi and Outland trophy winner whose No. 50 jersey will be retired now that his college career has ended. "Our fake punt just misses by inches, and the fake field goal just misses. We were going for it all the way. We were trying to win impressively — I know that sounds silly when you look at the score."

"You can't count on things like that happening. We were moving the ball well. You've just got to play over them."

There was no fiery speech at halftime by Coach Tom Osborne. "He just said we know we can come back, that we have to keep our character, all the bad has already happened," said Gill.

"The mistakes were just one of those things that happen," he said. "I had a feeling we were going to come back. I didn't get down on the situation, it was just a matter of time to get ourselves going."

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Nebraska finally gets it right; NBC doesn't

By EDWIN POPE

NBC-TV, whipped from the outset, started New Year's Day screwed up and never caught up.

Nebraska's Cornhuskers, 10½-point favorites, started the same way but kept trying until they got it right, and they nosed almost-heroic Louisiana State, 21-20, in the 49th Orange Bowl Classic.

The network was in deep enough just fighting Penn State's ultimate 27-23 victory over top-rated Georgia in the Sugar Bowl. NBC compounded its problems by failing to allow enough time for the Fiesta and Rose Bowls.

Nebraska pulled its act together better than the network did, but it took a terrific turnaround and a lot of help from LSU.

Tom Osborne's Cornhuskers seemed to try their level best to lose their third straight Orange Bowl, with four fumbles and two inter-

ceptions. If the London Royal Philharmonic, the halftime centerpiece, had played as raggedly, those tootlers would be tooting in Argentina this morning.

But the Cornhuskers finally shucked their futility, and went ahead, 21-17, after spending the better part of three quarters behind.

Tigers are awfully pesky for Nebraska.

This was the second year that they have come into the OB as favorites over them. It looked for the longest time as though LSU's Tigers would do the same thing to Nebraska that Clemson's did last year in winning, 22-15.

Jerry Stovall called it right, only to wind up on the wrong end. The LSU coach said on New Year's Eve that he has tried to copy "the patience and flexibility" of Osborne. Patience and flexibility were just what won it for Osborne and the Big Red.

Rimington ponders worries of life before the NFL draft

By Tom Shatel

A Member of the Sports Staff

MIAMI — Dave Rimington was the last player to leave the Nebraska locker room Saturday night. How appropriate. If anyone should close the door on the Huskers' best season since 1972, it should be Rimington.

Rimington, the man with no neck (well, perhaps it's a minineck) and muscles on his muscles, stood with one leg propped up on the bench in front of his locker. The room was quiet, except for the closing of equipment trunks and the raucous voice of an assistant coach, telling a reporter to let Mr. two-time Outland, Mr. Lombardi Trophy, Mr. All-America, Mr. Fifth in the Heisman balloting and Mr. College Center, get dressed.

Rimington was going a mile a minute after Nebraska's 21-20 victory over Louisiana State in the 49th Orange Bowl. The Huskers, 12-1, wouldn't finish atop the final polls, and Rimington knew it.

He had mixed feelings about his last game. Jovial, because it was his first Orange Bowl victory in three tries. Despondent, because it is all over. Rimington had his hand on his last Nebraska jersey, the one that fit beach-bully tight.

They will retire that No. 50 jersey. But they will not retire Rimington.

"I'm happy that it's over with," Rimington said. "I'm kind of sad, in a way. A lot of good things have happened to me here. I don't know, it's just kind of sad . . ."

Perhaps part of Rimington's grief is that he knows what's next. And he says, "I'm not looking forward to it."

Agents. They have already hounded him worse than anything that ever chased

him with a microphone or note pad. When Rimington, a 6-foot-3, 290-pound center, investigated the possibility of turning pro after last season and then decided against it, he might have reconsidered had he known what he was going to go through this fall. Agents from every corner of the country would all say that Rimington will go in the first round of this year's NFL draft, pestered him to no end. Rimington changed his phone number three times this fall to elude about 65 eager agents looking for a piece of his action.

Each time, the number had been unlisted.

Rimington's position in the draft couldn't have been damaged by becoming the first player to acquire a second consecutive Outland Trophy, awarded to the nation's top lineman. In all, he probably is the most celebrated college offensive lineman ever. And yes, the agents noticed.

"They'll tell you anything you want to hear," Rimington said. "They say you're a sure first-round pick, but nothing is sure. I've got to play well and make the team (who drafts him) and improve on some things. I'm going to have to. I know that I've had a good college career, but it's not going to mean that I'm going to get drafted in the first round. I know guys who had great college careers and were never heard from again."

Because he remained at Nebraska for his last season, Rimington got more experience, more exposure and more awards. Whether it means he will be drafted higher than he would have last year is hard to say. It doesn't even mean he will get drafted high. Rimington said, "I have no

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idea" where and when he might turn up.

A quick check of three NFL directors of player personnel showed that Rimington probably will go in the first 28 picks.

Rimington, an academic All-America, isn't worried about his pass-blocking and he says speed isn't that important for pro centers.

"We don't pass that often," Rimington said of the Huskers, the nation's leading rushing team. "But when we do, the quarterback never gets sacked."



Rimington . . . all-America.

EVEN FOR BIG RED FOOTBALL DIEHARDS

Time out for review of '82 sports

The year of 1982 will be remembered in sportsdom because:

— Clemson's 22-15 win over Nebraska in the Orange Bowl gave the undefeated Atlantic Coast Conference champions their first NCAA national championship. The Clemson OB win was tainted by bad officiating, a partisan crowd that denied Nebraska use of audibles, a series of illegal procedure calls against NU's Dave Rimington (unheard of in Nebraska's 11-1 march to Miami, and, finally at year-end, NCAA sanctions against the South Carolina school.

— Quarterback Joe Montana and wide receiver Dwight Clark led the San Francisco 49ers to a 26-21 Super Bowl win over the Cincinnati Bengals.

— Pitt coach Jackie Sherrill signed a six-year contract with Texas A&M at \$287,000 a year — a salary that startled academia.

— The Los Angeles Lakers won their second National Basketball Assn. title in three years. North Carolina won the NCAA basketball crown (perennial-power UCLA was on probation).

— Larry Holmes stopped unbeaten challenger Gerry Cooney in the richest prize-fight in history (\$50 million).

— NFL players, whose destiny lay in the hands of Ed Garvey, struck Sept. 21 with the walkout lasting 57 days. In pro-less Nebraska, few cared. Year-long the pros had drug-related problems.

— This one's for you, St. Louis! The Cardinals bested the Milwaukee Braves 4-3 to win the World Series.

— South Korean Duk Koo Kim was knocked out in the 14th round of a nationally televised fight against World Boxing Assn. lightweight champion Ray Mancini. Kim suffered a brain hemorrhage and died. Tonsil artist Howard Cosell quit the professional boxing sidelines in remorse. Pundits and politicians attacked boxing as "too brutal."

— Tom Watson won the U.S. Open golf title.

— Martina Navratilova won 90 of 93 matches on the women's professional tennis circuit.

— Gato del Sol won the Kentucky Derby; Aloma's Ruler, the Preakness, and Conquistador Cielo, the Belmont (all upset winners).

— Fired were: Indiana's Lee Corso, head football coach for 13 years competing in an environment of basketball crazies (he learned of his discharge via car radio enroute to a speaking engagement); Ken Hayes, Oral Roberts University basketball coach whose last year's team gained NCAA playoffs and was a winner to date in the 1982-83 season (it was a midnight beheading at a Christian school); Monte Kiffin, ex-Husker great, didn't win the prescribed number of games (7) and was canned by North Carolina State; Bowie Kuhn, pro baseball's high commissioner, was voted out of office; Kansas University's Don Fambrough, who resumed as head football coach a couple years ago when almost everybody thought he was needed.

— Buster Rhymes, Oklahoma's junior football star (red-shirted this season) who was a sensation as a freshman (a heavy contributor to the 1980 21-17 win over

Nebraska at Lincoln), was suspended for apparently cheating on a first-semester exam. He won't be eligible to play for the Sooners in 1983.

— Retiring from front-center: Bear Bryant, Sugar Ray Leonard, Earl Weaver, the Oakland Raiders. As for the Bear, he was to have a barnburner Cimson Tide at Alabama this season. Instead, the Tide finished the regular season 7-4 (poorest mark since 6-5-1 in 1970). AP's Will Grimsley asked: "The Bear: 'A tyrant or a gentle grandfatherly figure who bounces players on his knee?'" Columnist Jim Murray, Los Angeles Times, noted the Bear's retirement: "He (the Bear) knew the secrets of winning football better than most . . . blocking and tackling . . . Bear cheated with the best of them. He got caught at Texas A&M. At Alabama, he didn't have to. Every football player worth his salt in the South wanted to play for Alabama . . ."

— Arkansas basketball coach Eddie Sutton (formerly Creighton) was contacted in Pine Bluff about reports he had been shot (the report originated from a call received by a Ft. Smith television station). "Not yet," said Sutton, whose Razorbacks are 12th-ranked.

— Tailback Kerwin Bell was assessed court costs of \$84 Monday, Dec. 20, after reporting he had completed 40 hours of public service on a drinking charge (he worked at the city library to satisfy a court order). The Kansas University junior from Huntington Beach, Calif., where he was heralded as a superstar, has been plagued by injury and personal problems as a Jayhawk. He was Big Eight freshman of the year in 1980.

— Radio KFAB will originate all coverage of Cornhusker football and basketball games commencing in the fall of 1983. The package was put up for bid by the NU Board of Regents. KFAB is negotiating with outstate outlets (plus stations across the country) for Husker football feeds. Heretofore, KFAB and WOW, both Omaha, and KFOR and KLIN, both Lincoln, fed coverage to their own networks. The KFAB package is expected to net the NU Athletic Dept. something over \$475 thousand per year, give or take, for five years. Come next fall the airwaves will flood with "Man, woman and child . . ." (Lyell Bremser lines).

— Changes along the TV networks: ABC, CBS and Turner cable's WTBS will have laid out \$70 million this year for NCAA college football broadcast privileges (CBS and WTBS are new this year to week-by-week coverage including major and small schools). NCAA for 30 years has been negotiating the television contracts. The principle has been thrown out by a U.S. District Court judge. Some time in 1983 a ruling from the U.S. Court of Appeals is expected. Sixty-one major football-playing schools have formed a College Football Assn. The majors want to negotiate TV pacts on their own, claiming the 61 majors don't have the same problems as 700 other institutions comprising the several divisions of NCAA. In a court test, the majors claim NCAA handling is a violation of Federal antitrust law. What's at stake? Sugar, heavy sugar.

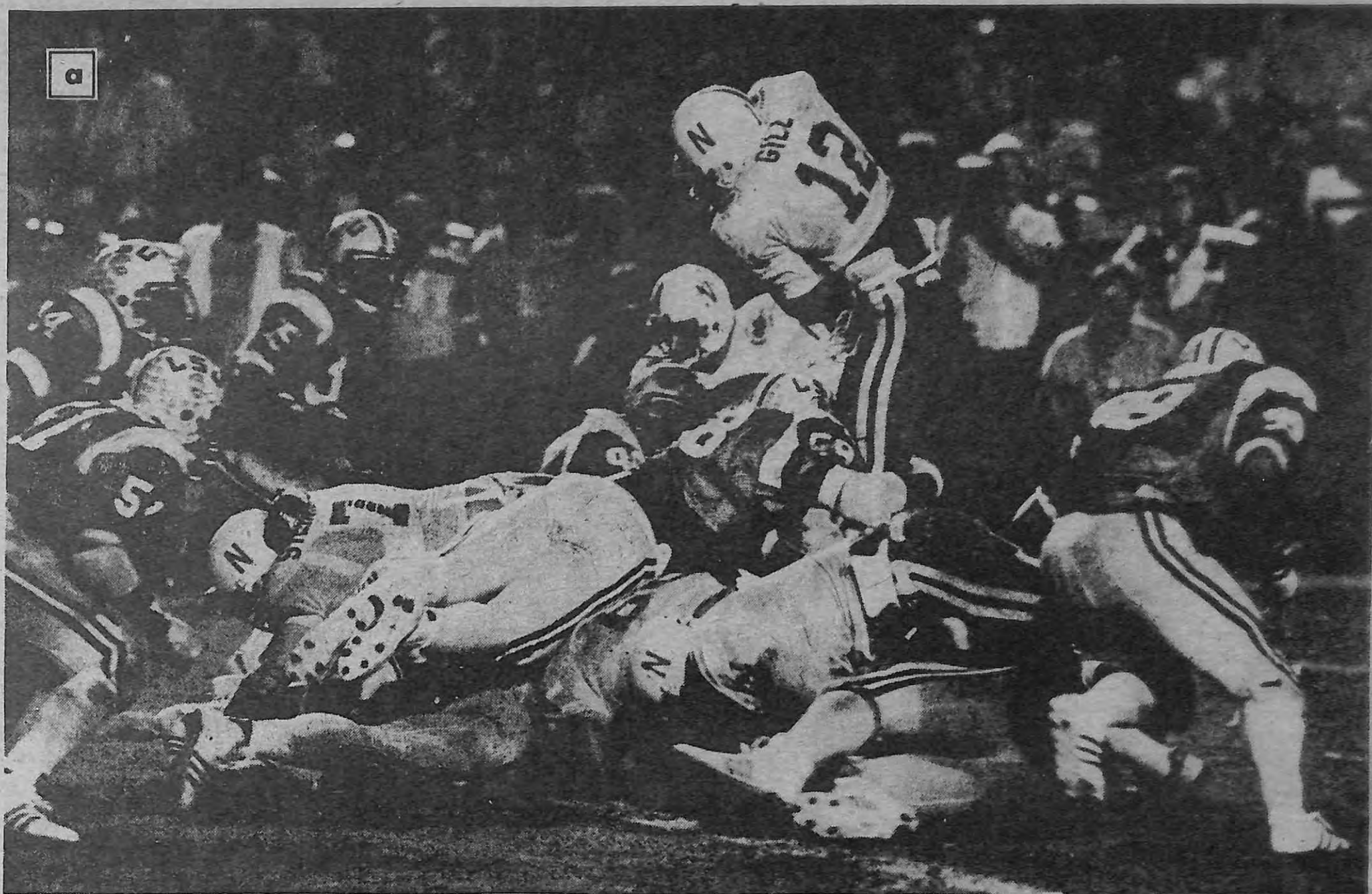
Huskers' post-season bowls

Record: 12-9-0

Dr. Tom's record: 6-4

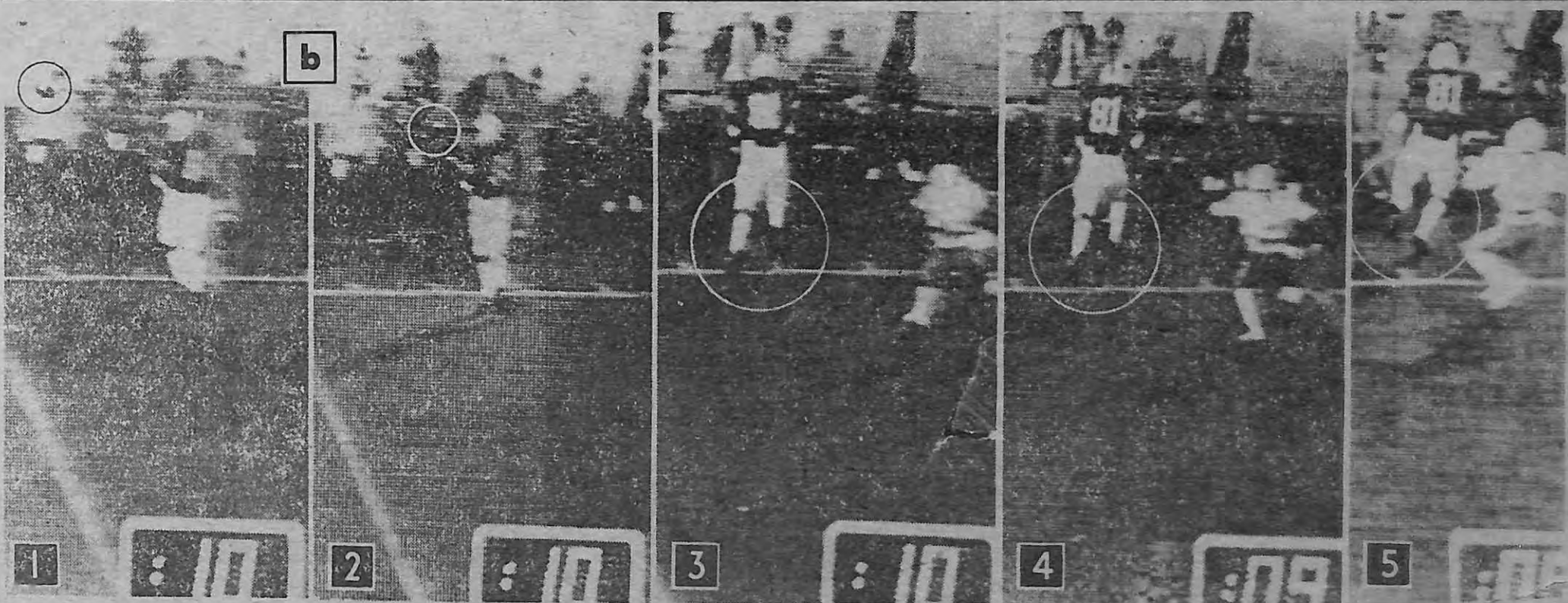
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Jan. 1, 1955—Orange Bowl, Miami: Duke 34, Nebraska 7.
Dec. 15, 1962—Gotham Bowl, New York: Nebraska 36, Miami 34.
Jan. 1, 1964—Orange Bowl, Miami: Nebraska 13, Auburn 7.
Jan. 1, 1965—Cotton Bowl, Dallas: Arkansas 10, Nebraska 7.
Jan. 1, 1966—Orange Bowl, Miami: Alabama 39, Nebraska 28.
Jan. 2, 1967—Sugar Bowl, New Orleans: Alabama 34, Nebraska 7.
Dec. 20, 1969—Sun Bowl, El Paso: Nebraska 45, Georgia 6.
Jan. 1, 1971—Orange Bowl, Miami: Nebraska 17, LSU 12.
Jan. 1, 1972—Orange Bowl, Miami: Nebraska 38, Alabama 6.
Jan. 1, 1973—Orange Bowl, Miami: Nebraska 40, Notre Dame 6.
Jan. 1, 1974—Cotton Bowl, Dallas: Nebraska 19, Texas 3.
Dec. 31, 1974—Sugar Bowl, New Orleans: Nebraska 13, Florida 10.
Dec. 26, 1975—Fiesta Bowl, Tempe: Arizona State 17, Nebraska 14.
Dec. 31, 1976—Astro-Bluebonnet, Houston: Nebraska 27, Texas Tech 24.
Dec. 19, 1977—Liberty Bowl, Memphis: Nebraska 21, North Carolina 17.
Jan. 1, 1979—Orange Bowl, Miami: Oklahoma 31, Nebraska 24.
Jan. 1, 1980—Cotton Bowl, Dallas: Houston 17, Nebraska 14.
Dec. 27, 1980—Sun Bowl, El Paso: Nebraska 31, Mississippi St. 17.
Jan. 1, 1982—Orange Bowl, Miami: Clemson 22, Nebraska 15.
Jan. 1, 1983—Orange Bowl, Miami: Nebraska 21, LSU 20.

The good news . . .



MIKE O'BRYON / Miami Herald Staff

and the heartbreakers . . .



1 Penn State receiver Mike McCloskey looks for the ball as he nears the sideline.

2 The ball hasn't reached his hands. His right foot is off the ground and his left foot is about to leave the ground.

3 McCloskey receives the ball and the shadows don't connect with either foot. The right foot has crossed the plane of the sideline.

4 McCloskey has possession and both feet are still in the air, beyond the sideline.

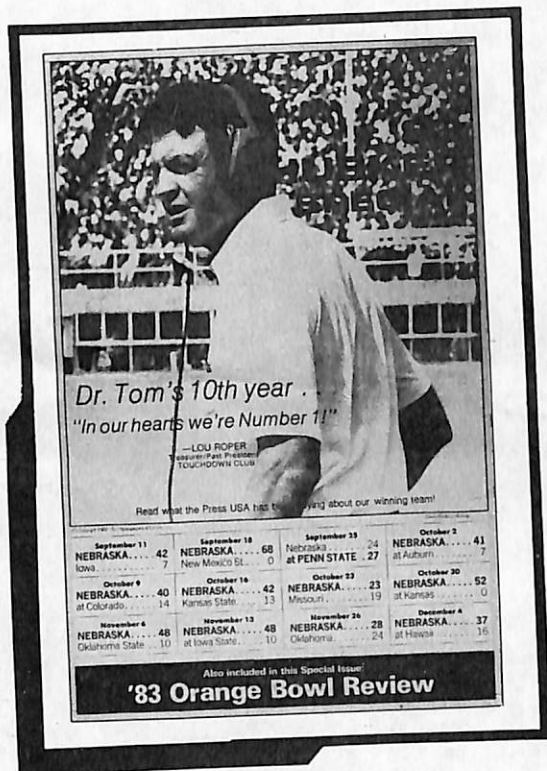
5 He finally lands on his right foot, out of bounds.

a NU's quarterback Turner Gill hurdles in from the one-yard line for what proves to be the winning touchdown against LSU with 11 minutes left.

b The record book says Penn State's Mike McCloskey made a fair catch with 9 seconds left—a ruling not universally accepted even by neutrals. One wag wry suggested the sideline had been moved. It hadn't. The ruling set up Penn State's go-ahead TD.

c Turning the pages back to that lovely September afternoon in the Nittany Mountains, this proved the play that enabled Penn State to preserve chances for the national championship that was to come. Had Kirk Bowman's controversial catch (with four seconds remaining) been ruled illegally trapped, Nebraska would have finished 13-0-0, instead of 12-1-0. The Huskers are the only NCAA team with 12 wins in the season.





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